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The first publication of this *Epistle*.

THIS paper is a sort of bill of complaint, begun many years since, and drawn up by snatches, as the several occasions offered. I had no thoughts of publishing it, till it pleased some persons of Rank and Fortune [the Authors of *Verses to the Imitator of Horace*, and of an *Epistle to a Doctor of Divinity from a Nobleman at Hampton Court*] to attack, in a very extraordinary manner, not only my Writings (of which, being public, the Public is judge) but my *Person, Morals, and Family*, whereof, to those who know me not, a truer information may be requisite. Being divided between the necessity to say something of myself, and my own laziness to undertake so awkward a task, I thought it the shortest way to put the last hand to this *Epistle*. If it have any thing pleasing, it will be that by which I am most desirous to please, the *Truth* and the *Sentiment*; and if any

thing offensive, it will be only to those I am least sorry to offend, *the vicious or the ungenerous.*

Many will know their own pictures in it, there being not a circumstance but what is true; but I have, for the most part, spared their *Names*, and they may escape being laughed at, if they please.

I would have some of them know, it was owing to the request of the learned and candid Friend to whom it is inscribed, that I make not as free use of theirs as they have done of mine. However, I shall have this advantage, and honour, on my side, that whereas, by their proceeding, any abuse may be directed at any man, no injury can possibly be done by mine, since a nameless Character can never be found out, but by its *truth and likeness.*

As to a Doctor of Divinity from a University in the County of Essex, in a very extraordinary manner, not only my Writings (of which, being public the Public is judge) but my Person, identity, and family, were to those who know me not, a true information may be requisite. Being divided between the necessity of my something of myself, and my own laziness to undertake to undertake a task, I thought it the shortest way to put the last hand to this Epistle. If it have any thing pleasing, it will be that by which I am most desirous to please, the Poet and the Critic; and if any

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*Shut shut the Door good John, fatigued I said
Tye up the Knocker, say I'm sick I'm dead.*

Ex. to Artfulnet.

PROLOGUE

TO THE

SATIRE S.

P. **S**HUT, shut the door, good John! fatigu'd
 I said,
 Tye up the knocker, say I'm sick, I'm dead,
 The Dog-star rages! nay 'tis past a doubt,
 All Bedlam, or Parnassus, is let out:
 Fire in each eye, and papers in each hand,
 They rave, recite, and madden round the land.
 What walls can guard me, or what shades can hide?
 They pierce my thickets, thro' my Grot they glide,
 By land, by water, they renew the charge,
 They stop the chariot, and they board the barge.
 No place is sacred, not the Church is free,
 Ev'n Sunday shines no Sabbath-day to me:

VER. 7. *Shut, shut the door, good John!* John Searl, his
 old and faithful servant: whom he has remembered, under
 that character, in his Will.

Then from the Mint walks forth the man of rhyme,
Happy! to catch me, just at Dinner-time.

Is there a Parson, much be-mus'd in beer, 15
A maudlin Poetess, a rhyming Peer,
A Clerk, foredoom'd his father's soul to cross,
Who pens a Stanza, when he should *engross*?
Is there, who, lock'd from ink and paper, scrawls
With desp'rate charcoal round his darken'd walls? 20
All fly to TWIT'NAM, and in humble strain
Apply to me, to keep them mad or vain.
Arthur, whose giddy son neglects the Laws,
Imputes to me and my damn'd works the cause:
Poor Cornus sees his frantic wife elope, 25
And curses Wit, and Poetry, and Pope.

Friend to my Life! (which did not you prolong,
The world had wanted many an idle song)

VARIATIONS.

After ver. 20. in the MS.

Is there a Bard in durance? turn them free,
With all their brandish'd reams they run to me:
Is there a Prentice, having seen two plays,
Who would do something in his Sempstress' praise--

VER. 29. in the 1st Ed.

Dear Doctor, tell me, is not this a curse?
Say, is their anger, or their friendship worse?

VER. 13. *Mint*.] A place to which insolvent debtors retired, to enjoy an illegal protection, which they were there suffered to afford one another, from the persecution of their creditors.

Soft were my numbers; who could take offence
 While pure Description held the place of sense?
 Like gentle *Fanny*'s was my flow'ry theme,
 A painted mistress, or a purling stream.
 Yet then did *Gildon* draw his venal quill;
 I wish'd the man a dinner, and fate still
 Yet then did *Dennis* rave in furious fret;
 I never answer'd; I was not in debt.
 If want provok'd, or madness made them print,
 I wag'd no war with *Bedlam* or the *Mint*.

Did some more sober Critic come abroad;
 If wrong, I smil'd; if right, I kiss'd the rod.
 Pains, reading, study, are their just pretence,
 And all they want is spirit, taste, and sense.
 Comma's and points they set exactly right,
 And 'twere a sin to rob them of their mite.
 Yet ne'er one sprig of laurel grac'd these ribalds,
 From slashing *Bentley* down to piddling *Tibalds*:
 Each wight, who reads not, and but scans and spells,
 Each Word-catcher, that lives on syllables,
 Ev'n such small Critics some regard may claim,
 Preserv'd in *Milton's* or in *Shakespear's* name.

VER. 150. *A painted meadow, or a purling stream*, is a verse of Mr. Addison.

VER. 164. *Slashing Bentley*] This great man, with all his faults, deserved to be put into better company. The following words of Cicero describe him not amiss. "Habuit a natura genus quoddam acuminis, quod etiam arte non maverat, quod erat in reprehendendis verbis versutum et solers: sed sæpe stomachosum, nonnunquam frigidum, interdum etiam facetum."

Pretty ! in amber to observe the forms
Of hairs, or straws, or dirt, or grubs, or worms ;
The things we know, are neither rich nor rare,
But wonder how the devil they got there.

Were others angry : I excus'd them too ;
Well might they rage, I gave them but their due.
A man's true merit 'tis not hard to find ;
But each man's secret standard in his mind,
That Casting-weight pride adds to emptiness,
This, who can gratify ? for who can guess ?
The Bard whom pilfer'd Pastorals renown,
Who turns a Persian tale for half a Crown,
Just writes to make his barrenness appear,
And strains from hard-bound brains, eight lines a
year,

He, who still wanting, tho' he lives on theft,
Steals much, spends little, yet has nothing left :

VER. 169. *Pretty in amber, &c.*] The wit and imag'ry of this passage has been much and justly admired. The most detestable thing in nature, as a toad, or a beetle, become pleasing when well represented in a work of Art. But it is no less eminent for the beauty of the thought. For though a scribler exists by being thus incorporated, yet he exists intomb'd, a lasting monument of the wrath of the Muses.

VER. 173. *Were others angry :*] The Poets.

VER. 174. --- *I gave them but their due.*] Our Author always found those he commended less sensible than those he reprov'd. The reason is plain. He gave the latter *but their due* ; and the other thought they had no more.

VER. 180. --- *a Persian tale.*] Amb. Philips translated a Book called the *Persian tales*.

And is not mine, my friend, a forer ease,
 When ev'ry coxcomb perks them in my face?
 A. Good friend forbear! you deal in dangerous things,
 I'd never name Queens, Ministers, or Kings;
 Keep close to Bars, and those let asses prick,
 'Tis nothing—P. Nothing? if they bite and kick?
 Out with it, DUNGRAB! let the secret pass,
 That secret to each fool, that he's an Ass:
 The truth once told (and wherefore should we lie?)
 The queen of Midas slept, and so may I.

You think this cruel? take it for a rule,
 No creature smarts so little as a fool.
 Let peals of laughter, Codrus! round thee break,
 Thou unconcern'd canst hear the mighty crack;
 Pit, box, and gall'ry in convulsions hurl'd,
 Thou stand'st unhook amidst a bursting world.
 Who shames a Scribler? break one cobweb thro',
 He spins the slight, self-pleasing thread anew:
 Destroy his fib or fopultry, in vain,
 The creature's at his dirty work again.

VER. 80. *That secret to each fool, that he's an Ass:] i. e.*
 that his ears (his marks of folly) are visible.

VER. 88. Alluding to Horace,

Si fractus illabatur orbis,

Impavidum ferient ruinæ.

VER. 92. *The creature's at his dirty work again,]* This *metamorphosing*, as it were, the Scribler into a Spider is much more poetical than a comparison would have been. But Poets should be cautious how they employ this figure; for where the likeness is not very striking, instead of giving force, they become obscure. Here, every thing concurs to make them run into one another.

Thron'd on the centre of his thin designs,
 Proud of a vast extent of flimsy lines?
 Whom have I hurt? has Poet yet, or Peer,
 Lost the arch'd eye-brow, or Parnassian sneer?
 And has not Colly still his lord, and whore?
 His butchers Henly, his free-masons Moor?
 Does not one table Bavius still admit?
 Still to one Bishop Philips seems a wit?
 Still Sappho—A. Hold; for God sake—you'll offend,
 No names—be calm—learn prudence of a friend:
 I too could write, and I am twice as tall;
 But foes like these—P. One Flatterer's worse than all.
 Of all mad creatures, if the learn'd are right,
 It is the flaver kills, and not the bite.
 A fool quite angry is quite innocent:
 Alas! 'tis ten times worse when they repent.

One dedicates in high heroic prose,
 And ridicules beyond a hundred foes:
 One from all Grubstreet will my fame defend,
 And more abusive, calls himself my friend.

VARIATIONS.

VER. III. in the MS.

For song, for silence some expect a bribe:
 And others roar aloud, "Subscribe, subscribe."
 Time, praise, or money, is the least they crave;
 Yet each declares the other fool or knave.
 They both *spin*; not from the *bead* [reason] but from the
gut [passions and prejudices] and such a *thread* that can
 entangle none but creatures weaker than themselves.

VER. 98. *free-masons Moor?* He was of this society, and
 frequently headed their processions.

This prints my *Letters*, that expects a bribe,
And others roar aloud, "Subscribe, subscribe."

There are, who to my person pay their court: 115
I cough like *Horace*, and, tho' lean, am short,
Ammon's great son one shoulder had too high,
Such *Ovid*'s nose, and, "Sir! you have an Eye—
Go on, obliging creatures, make me see
All that disgrac'd my Betters, met in me. 120

Say for my comfort, languishing in bed,
"Just so immortal *Marc* held his head?"
And when I die, be sure you let me know
Great *Homer* dy'd three thousand years ago.

Why did I write? what sin to me unknown 125
Dipt me in ink, my parents', or my own?
As yet a child, nor yet a fool to fame,
I lisp'd in numbers, for the numbers came.

VARIATIONS.

After VER. 124. in the MS.

But friend, this shape, which You and Curl^a admire,
Came not from *Ammon*'s son, but from my Sire^b!

And for my head, if you'll the truth excuse,

I had it from my Mother^c, not the Muse.

Happy, if he, in whom these frailties join'd,

Had heir'd as well the virtues of the mind.

^a Curl set up his head for a sign. ^b His father was crooked.

^c His Mother was much afflicted with head-achs.

VER. 131. *Sir, you have an Eye*! It is remarkable that amongst these compliments on his infirmities and deformities, he mentions his *eye*, which was fine, sharp, and piercing. It was done to intimate, that flattery was as odious to him when there was some ground for commendation, as when there was none.

I left no calling for this idle trade,
 No duty broke, no father disobey'd,
 The Muse but serv'd to ease some friend, not Wife,
 To help me thro' this long disease, my Life,
 To second, *ARBUTHNOT*! thy Art and Care,
 And teach the Being you preserv'd, to bear.

But why then publish? *Granville* the polite,
 And knowing *Walsh*, would tell me I could write;
 Well-natur'd *Garth* inflam'd with early praise,
 And *Congreve* lov'd, and *Swift* endur'd my lays;
 The courtly *Talbot*, *Somers*, *Sheffield* read,
 Ev'n mitred *Rocheſter* would nod the head,
 And *St. John's* self (great *Dryden's* friends before)
 With open arms receiv'd one Poet more.
 Happy my studies, when by these approv'd
 Happier their author, when by these belov'd!
 From these the world will judge of men and books,
 Not from the *Burnets*, *Oldmixon's*, and *Cocks*.

VER. 139. *Talbot, &c.*] All these were Patrons or Admirers of Mr. Dryden; though a scandalous libel against him, entitled, *Dryden's Satyr on his Muse*, has been printed in the name of the Lord *Somers*, of which he was wholly ignorant.

These are the persons to whose account the Author charges the publication of his first pieces: persons, with whom he was conversant (and he adds beloved) at 16 or 17 years of age; an early period for such acquaintance. The catalogue might be made yet more illustrious, had he not confined it to that time when he writ the *Pastorals* and *Windsor Forest*, on which he passes a sort of Censure in the lines following.

While pure Description held the place of Sense?

What *Drop* or *Nasrum* can this plague remove?

Or which must end me, a Fool's wrath or love?

A dire dilemma! either way I'm sped.

If foes, they write, if friends, they read me dead.

Seiz'd and ty'd down to judge, how wretched I!

Who can't be silent, and who will not lye:

To laugh, were want of goodness and of grace,

And to be grave, exceeds all Pow' or face.

I sit with sad civility, I read

With honest anguish, and an aching head;

And drop at last, but in unwilling ears,

This saving counsel, "Keep your piece nine years."

Nine years! cries he, who high in Drury-lane,

Lull'd by soft Zephyrs thro' the broken pane,

Rhymes ere he wakes, and prints before Term ends,

Oblig'd by hunger, and request of friends:

"The piece, you think, is incorrect; why take it,

"I'm all submission, what you'd have it, make it,"

Three things another's modest wishes bound,

My Friendship, and a Prologue, and ten pound.

Pitholeon sends to me: "You know his Grace,

"I want a Patron; ask him for a Place."

Pitholeon libell'd me—"but here's a letter

"Informs you, Sir, 'twas when he knew no better.

VER. 49. *Pitholeon*] The name taken from a foolish Poet

of Rhodes, who pretended much to *Greek*. Schol. in Horat.

1. 1. Dr. Bentley pretends, that this Pitholeon libell'd Caesar

also. See notes on Hor. Sat. 10. 1. 1.

"Dare you refuse him? Curbinvites to dine,

"He'll write a *Journal*, or he'll turn Divine!"

Bless me! a packen—"Tis a stranger fues,

"A Virgin Tragedy; an Orphan Muse."

If I dislike it, "Furies, death and rage!"

If I approve, "Commend it to the Stage."

There (thank my stars) my whole commission ends,

The players and I are luckily no friends.

Fir'd that the house reject him, I "'Sdeath I'll print it,

"And shame the fools—Your interest, Sir, with

Lintot,"

Lintot, dull rogue! will think your price too much:

"Not, Sir, if you revise it, and retouch."

All my demurs but double his attacks;

At last he whispers, "Do; and we go snacks."

Glad of a quarrel's trait, I clap the door,

Sir, let me see your works and you no more.

"Tis sung, when Midas' Ears began to spring, I "

(Midas, a sacred person and a King)

His very Minister who spy'd them first,

(Some say his Queen) was forc'd to speak, or burst.

VARIATIONS.

VER. 53. in the MS. "If you refuse, he goes, as fates incline."

To plague Sir Robert, or to turn Divine.

VER. 60. in the former Ed.

Cibber and I are luckily no friends.

VER. 72. *Queen*. The story is told, by some, of his Barber, but by Chaucer of his Queen. See Wife of Bath's Tale in Dryden's Fables,

And He, who now to sense, now nonsense leaning,
Means not, but blunders round about a meaning :
And He, whose fustian's so sublimely bad,
It is not Poetry, but prose run mad :
All these, my modest Satire had *translate*,
And own'd that nine such Poets made a *Tate*. 190
How did they fume, and stamp, and roar, and chafe !
And swear, not Addison himself was safe.

Peace to all such ! but were there one whose fires
True Genius kindles, and fair Fame inspires ;
Blest with each talent and each art to please, 195
And born to write, converse, and live with ease :
Should such a man, too fond to rule alone,
Bear, like the Turk, no brother near the throne,
View him with scornful, yet with jealous eyes,
And hate for arts that caus'd himself to rise ; 200

VER. 186. *Means not, but blunders round about a meaning :*] A case common both to *Poets* and *Critics* of a certain order ; only with this difference, that the *Poet* writes himself out of his *own meaning* ; and the *Critic* never gets into another man's. Yet both keep going on, and *blundering round about* their subject, as benighted people are wont to do, who seek for an entrance which they cannot find.

VER. 189. *All these, my modest Satire had translate,*] See their works, in the Translation of classical books by *several Hands*.

VER. 190. --- *nine such Poets, &c.*] Alluding, not to the nine Muses, but to nine Taylors.

VER. 192. *And swear, not Addison himself was safe.*] This is an artful preparative for the following transition ; and finely obviates what might be thought unfavourably of the severity of the satire, by those who were strangers to the provocation.

Damn with faint praise, assent with civil leer, H bnd
 And without sneering, teach the rest to sneer; ansusM
 Willing to wound, and yet afraid to strike, H bnd
 Just hint a fault, and hesitate dislike; It is not Poetry
 Alike reserv'd to blame, or to commend, 205
 A tim'rous foe, and a suspicious friend; And wond
 Dreading ev'n fools, by Flatterers besieg'd; bib woH
 And so obliging, that he ne'er oblig'd; And swear
 Like Cato, give his little Senate laws, 118
 And sit attentive to his own applause; 210
 While Wits and Templars ev'ry sentence raise, Bist
 And wonder with a foolish face of praise— And born
 Who but must laugh, if such a man there be? Should
 Who would not weep, if ATTICUS were he! 11

VARIATIONS.

After VER. 208. in MS.

Who, if two Wits on rival themes contest,
 Approves of each, but likes the worst the best:
 Alluding to Mr. P.'s and Tickell's Translation of the first
 Book of the Iliad.

VER. 212. *And wonder with a foolish face of praise---* When
 men, out of flattery, extol what they are conscious they do
 not understand, as is sometimes the case of men of education,
 the fear of praising in the wrong place is likely enough to
 give a foolish turn to the air of an embarrassed countenance.

VER. 213. *Who but must laugh, if such a man there be?*
 While a Character is unapplied, all the various parts of it
 will be considered together; and if the assemblage of them
 be as incoherent as in this before us, it cannot fail of being
 the object of a malignant pleasantry.

VER. 214. *Who would not weep, if ATTICUS were he?* But

What tho' my name stood rubric on the walls, 215
 Or plaister'd posts, with claps, in capitals?
 Or smoaking forth, a hundred hawkers load,
 On wings of winds came flying all abroad?
 I fought no homage from the Race that write;
 I kept, like *Asian* Monarchs, from their sight: 220
 Poems I heeded (now be rym'd so long)
 No more than thou, great *GEORGE*! a birth day song.
 I ne'er with wits or witlings pass'd my days,
 To spread about the itch of verse and praise;
 Nor like a puppy, daggl'd thro' the town,
 To fetch and carry sing-song up and down; 225
 Nor at Rehearsals sweat, and mouth'd, and cry'd,
 With handkerchief and orange at my side;
 But sick of fops, and poetry, and prate,
 To *Buso* left the whole *Cassalian* state. 230

when we come to know it belongs to *Atticus*, i. e. to one
 whose more obvious qualities had before gained our love or
 esteem; then friendship, in spite of ridicule, will make a
 separation: our old impressions get the better of our new,
 or, at least, suffer themselves to be no further impaired than
 by the admission of a mixture of pity and concern.

Ibid. *ATTICUS*] It was a great falsehood, which some of
 the Libels reported, that this Character was written after
 the Gentleman's death; which see refuted in the Testimonies
 prefixed to the *Dunciad*. But the occasion of writing it was
 such as he would not make publick out of regard to his me-
 mory: and all that could further be done was to omit the
 name, in the Edition of his works.

VER. 218. *On wings of winds came flying all abroad?* Hop-
 kins, in the sixth Psalm.

Proud as *Apollo* on his forked hill,
 Sate full-blown *Bufo*, puff'd by ev'ry quill;
 Fed with soft Dedication all day long,
Horace and he went hand and hand in song.
 His Library, (where busts of Poets dead
 And a true *Pindar* stood without a head)
 Receiv'd of wits an undistinguish'd race,
 Who first his judgment ask'd, and then a place:
 Much they extoll'd his pictures, much his seat,
 And flatter'd ev'ry day, and some days eat:
 Till grown more frugal in his riper days,
 He paid some bards with port, and some with praise,
 To some a dry rehearsal was assign'd,
 And others (harder still) he paid in kind.
Dryden alone (what wonder?) came not nigh,
Dryden alone escap'd this judging eye:
 But still the *Great* have kindness in reserve,
 He help'd to bury whom he help'd to starve.

VARIATIONS.

After VER. 234. in the MS.

To Bards reciting he vouchsaf'd a nod,
 And snuff'd their incense like a gracious god.

VER. 236.---a true *Pindar* stood without a head] Ridiculous the affectation of Antiquaries, who frequently exhibit the headless *Trunks* and *Terms* of Statues, for *Plato*, *Homer*, *Pindar*, &c. Vide *Fulv. Ursin. &c.*

VER. 248.---help'd to bury] Mr. *Dryden*, after having liv'd in exigencies, had a magnificent Funeral bestowed upon him by the contribution of several persons of quality, P.

May some choice patron bless each gray goose quill
 May ev'ry *Bavins* have his *Bufo* still! 250

So when a Statesman wants a day's defence;
 Or Envy holds a whole week's war with Sense,
 Or simple pride for flatt'ry makes demands,
 May dunce by dunce be whistled off my hands!

Blest be the *Great*! for those they take away, 255
 And those they left me, for they left me GAY;
 Left me to see neglected Genius bloom,
 Neglected die, and tell it on his tomb:

Of all thy blameless life the sole return
 My Verse, and QUEENSB'RY weeping o'er thy urn! 260

Oh let me live my own, and die so too!
 (To live and die is all I have to do:)

Maintain a Poet's dignity and ease,
 And see what friends, and read what books I please:
 Above a Patron, tho' I condescend 265
 Sometimes to call a Minister my friend.

I was not born for Courts or great affairs;
 I pay my debts, believe, and say my pray'rs;

VER. 251. *So when a Statesman, &c.*] Notwithstanding this
 ridicule, on the public necessities of the Great, our Poet was
 candid enough to confess that they are not always to be im-
 puted to them, as their private may. For (when unobjected
 by the neighbourhood of Party) he speaks of those distresses
 much more dispassionately.

Our Ministers like Gladiators live;
 'Tis half their business blows to ward, or give;
 The good their Virtue would effect, or Sense,
 Dies between Exigents and Self-defence. MS.

Can sleep without a Poem in my head,
Nor know, if *Dennis* be alive or dead. 270

Why am I ask'd what next shall see the light?
Heav'ns! was I born for nothing but to write?
Has Life no joys for me? or (to be grave)
Have I no friend to serve, no soul to save? 274
"I found him close with *Swift*—Indeed? no doubt
"(Cries prating *Balbus*) something will come out.
'Tis all in vain, deny it as I will.
"No, such a Genius never can lie still;
'And then for mine obligingly mistakes
The first Lampoon Sir *Will.* or *Bubo* makes. 280
Poor guiltless I! and can I chuse but smile,
When ev'ry Coxcomb knows me by my *Style*?

VARIATIONS.

After VER. 270. in the MS.

Friendships, from youth I sought, and seek them still;
Fame, like the wind, may breathe where'er it will.
The world I knew, but made it not my school^a,
And in a course of flatt'ry liv'd no fool.

After VER. 282. in the MS.

P. What if I sing Augustus, great and good?

A. You did so lately, was it understood?

Be nice no more, but, with a mouth profound,

As rumbling D---s or a Norfolk hound;

With *GEORGE* and *FREDRIC* roughen ev'ry verse,

Then smooth up all, and *CAROLINE* rehearse.

P. No--the high task to lift up Kings to Gods

Leave to Court-sermons, and to birth-day Odes.

^a By *not making the World his School* he means, he did not form his system of morality, on the principles or practice of men in business.

Curst be the verse, how well soe'er it flow,
 That tends to make one worthy man my foe,
 Give Virtue scandal, Innocence a fear, 285
 Or from the soft-ey'd Virgin steal a tear!
 But he who hurts a harmless neighbour's peace,
 Insults fall'n worth, or Beauty in distress,
 Who loves a Lye, lame slander helps about,
 Who writes a Libel, or who copies out: 290
 That Pop, whose pride affects a patron's name,
 Yet absent, wounds an author's honest fame:
 Who can *your* merit *selfishly* approve,
 And show the *sense* of it without the *love*;
 Who has the vanity to call you friend, 295
 Yet wants the honour, injur'd, to defend;

VARIATIONS:

On themes like these, superior far to thine,
 Let laurell'd Cibber, and great Arnauld shine.
 Why write at all?—A. Yes, silence if you keep,
 The Town, the Court, the Wits, the Dunces weep.

VER. 295. *Who has the vanity to call you friend, Yet wants the honour, injur'd, to defend;*] When a great Genius, whose writings have afforded the world much pleasure and instruction, happens to be enviously attacked, or falsely accused, it is natural to think, that a sense of gratitude for so agreeable an obligation, or a sense of that honour resulting to our Country from such a Writer, should raise amongst those who call themselves his friends, a pretty general indignation. But every day's experience shews us the very contrary. Some take a malignant satisfaction in the attack; others a foolish pleasure in a literary conflict; and the far greater part look on with a selfish indifference.

Who tells whate'er you think, whate'er you say,
 And, if he lye not, must at least betray :
 Who to the *Dean*, and *silver bell* can swear,
 And sees at *Gannons* what was never there ; 300
 Who reads, but with a lust to misapply,
 Make Satire a Lampoon, and Fiction Lye.
 A lash like mine no honest man shall dread,
 But all such babbling blockheads in his stead.

Let *Sporus* tremble—A. What ? that thing of silk,
Sporus, that mere white curd of *Ass's* milk ? 306
 Satire or sense, alas ! can *Sporus* feel ?
 Who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel ?
 P. Yet let me flap this bug with gilded wings,
 This painted child of dirt, that stinks and stings ; 310
 Whose buzz the witty and the fair annoys,
 Yet wit ne'er tastes, and beauty ne'er enjoys :
 So well-bred spaniels civilly delight
 In mumbling of the game they dare not bite.
 Eternal smiles his emptiness betray, 315
 As shallow streams run dimpling all the way.
 Whether in florid impotence he speaks,
 And, as the prompter breathes, the puppet squeaks ;
 Or at the ear of *Eve*, familiar Toad,
 Half froth, half venom, spits himself abroad, 320

VER. 299. *Who to the Dean, and Silver Bell, &c.* Meaning the man who would have persuaded the Duke of Chandos that Mr. P. meant him in those circumstances ridiculed in the *Spit* on *Wigs*. See Mr. Pope's Letter to the Earl of Burlington concerning this matter.

VER. 319. See Milton, Book iv.

In puns, or politics, or tales, or lies,
 Or spite, or smut, or rhymes, or blasphemies.
 His wit all see-saw, between *that* and *this*,
 Now high, now low, now master up, now miss,
 And he himself one vile Antithesis. 325 }
 Amphibious thing ! that acting either part,
 The trifling head, or the corrupted heart,
 Fop at the toilet, flatt'rer at the board,
 Now trips a Lady, and now struts a Lord.
 Eve's tempter thus the Rabbins have express, 330
 A Cherub's face, a reptile all the rest.
 Beauty that shocks you, parts that none will trust,
 Wit that can creep, and pride that licks the dust.
 Not Fortune's worshipper, nor Fashion's fool,
 Not Lucre's madman, nor Ambition's tool, 335
 Not proud, nor servile ; Be one Poet's praise,
 That, if he pleas'd, he pleas'd by manly ways :
 That Flatt'ry, ev'n to Kings, he held a shame.
 And thought a Lye in verse or prose the same.
 That not in Fancy's maze he wander'd long, 340
 But stoop'd to Truth, and moraliz'd his song :

VER. 320. *Half froth,*] Alluding to those frothy excre-
 tions, called by the people, *Toad-spits*, seen in summer-time
 hanging upon plants, and emitted by young insects which
 lie hid in the midst of them, for their preservation, while in
 their helpless state.

VER. 340. *That not in Fancy's maze he wander'd long.*] His
 merit in this will appear very great, if we consider, that in
 this walk he had all the advantages which the most poetic
 Imagination could give to a great Genius. M. Voltaire, in

That not for Fame, but Virtue's better end,
 He stood the furious foe, the timid friend,
 The damning critic, half approving wit,
 The coxcomb hit, or fearing to be hit; 345
 Laugh'd at the loss of friends he never had,
 The dull, the proud, the wicked, and the mad;
 The distant threats of vengeance on his head,
 The blow unfelt, the tear he never shed;
 The tale reviv'd, the lye so oft o'erthrown, 350
 Th' imputed trash, and dulness not his own;

a MS. letter now before me, writes thus from England to a friend in Paris, "I intend to send you two or three poems of Mr. Pope, the best poet of England, and at present of all the world. I hope you are acquainted enough with the English tongue, to be sensible of all the charms of his works. For my part, I look upon his poem called the *Essay on Criticism* as superior to the *Art of poetry* of Horace; and his *Rape of the Lock* is, in my opinion, above the *Lutrin* of Despreaux. I never saw so amiable an imagination, so gentle graces, so great variety, so much wit, and so refined knowledge of the world, as in this little performance." MS. Let. Oct. 15, 1726.

VER. 341. *But stoop'd to Truth*] The term is from falconry; and the allusion to one of those untamed birds of spirit, which sometimes wantons at large in airy circles before it regards, or stoops to, its prey.

VER. 350. *the lye so oft o'erthrown*] As, that he received subscriptions for Shakespear, that he set his name to Mr. Broome's verses, &c. which, tho' publicly disproved, were nevertheless shamelessly repeated in the Libels, and even in that called the *Nobleman's Epistle*.

VER. 351. *Th' imputed Trash*] Such as profane *Psalms*, *Court-Poems*, and other scandalous things, printed in his Name by Curl and others.

The morals blacken'd when the writings 'scape,
 The libel'd person, and the pictur'd shape;
 Abuse, on all he lov'd, or lov'd him, spread,
 A friend in exile, or a father dead; 355
 The whisper, that to greatness still too near,
 Perhaps, yet vibrates on his SOV'REIGN'S ear—
 Welcome for thee, fair *Virtue*! all the past:
 For thee, fair *Virtue*! welcome ev'n the *last*!
 A. But why insult the poor, affront the great? 360
 P. A knave's a knave, to me, in ev'ry state:
 Alike my scorn, if he succeed or fail,
Sporus at court, or *Japhet* in a jail,
 A hireling scribler, or a hireling peer,
 Knight of the post corrupt, or of the shire; 365
 If on a Pillory, or near a Throne,
 He gain his Prince's ear, or lose his own,

VER. 354. *Abuse, on all he lov'd, or lov'd him, spread,*
 Namely on the Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Burlington,
 Lord Bathurst, Lord Bolingbroke, Bishop Atterbury, Dr.
 Swift, Dr. Arbuthnot, Mr. Gay, his Friends, his Parents,
 and his very Nurse, aspersed in printed papers, by James
 Moore, G. Duckett, L. Welsted, Tho. Bentley, and other
 obscure persons.

VER. 357. *Perhaps, yet vibrates*] What force and elegance
 of expression! which, in one word, conveys to us the
 physical effects of sound, and the moral effects of an often
 repeated scandal.

VER. 359. *For thee, fair Virtue! welcome ev'n the last*]
 This line is remarkable for presenting us with the most
 amiable image of steady Virtue, mixed with a modest con-
 cern for his being forced to undergo the severest proofs of
 his love for it, which was the being thought hardly of by
 his SOVEREIGN,

Yet soft by nature, more a dupe than wit,
Sappho can tell you how this man was bit;
 This dreaded *Sat'rist Dennis* will confess 379
 Foe to his pride, but friend to his distress:
 So humble, he has knock'd at *Tibbald's* door,
 Has drunk with *Cibber*, nay has rhym'd for *Moor*,
 Full ten years slander'd, did he once reply?
 Three thousand suns went down on *Wellsed's* lye, 376
 To please a Mistress one aspers'd his life:
 He lash'd him not, but let her be his wife:
 Let *Budgel* charge low *Grubstreet* on his quill,
 And write whate'er he pleas'd, except his Will;

VARIATIONS.

VER. 368. in the MS.

Once, and but once, his heedless youth was bit,
 And lik'd that dang'rous thing, a female wit:
 Safe as he thought, tho' all the prudent chid;
 He writ no Libels, but my Lady did:

Great odds in am'rous or poetic game,
 Where Woman's is the sin, and Man's the shame.

VER. 374. ten years.] It was so long after many libels
 before the Author of the *Dunciad* published that poem, till
 which, he never writ a word in answer to the many scur-
 rilities and falsehoods concerning him.

VER. 375. *Wellsed's lye.*] This man had the impudence to
 tell in print, that Mr. P. had occasioned a *Lady's death*, and
 to name a person he never heard of. He also published
 that he libell'd the Duke of Chandos; with whom, (it was
 added) that he had lived in familiarity, and received from
 him a present of *five hundred pounds*: the falsehood of both
 which is known to his Grace. Mr. P. never received any
 present, farther than the subscription for *Homer*, from him,
 or from any great man whatsoever.

VER. 378. *Let Budgel*] *Budgel*, in a weekly pamphlet called
 the *Bee*, bestowed much abuse on him, in the imagination

Let the two *Curls* of town and Court, abuse

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His father, mother, body, soul, and muse,

that he writ some things about the *Last Will* of Dr. Tindal, in the *Grub-street Journal*; a Paper wherein he never had the least hand, direction, or supervisal, nor the least knowledge of its Author.

VER. 379. *except his Will*;] Alluding to Tindal's Will: by which, and other indirect practices, Budget, to the exclusion of the next heir, a nephew, got to himself almost the whole fortune of a man entirely unrelated to him.

VER. 381. *His father, mother, &c.*] In some of Curl's and other pamphlets, Mr. Pope's father was said to be a Mechanic, a Hatter, a Farmer, nay a Bankrupt. But, what is stranger, a Nobleman (if such a reflection could be thought to come from a Nobleman) had dropt an allusion to that pitiful untruth, in a paper call'd an *Epistle to a Doctor of Divinity*: And the following line,

Hard as thy Heart, and as thy Birth obscure,
had fallen from a like *Courtly* pen, in certain *Verses to the Imitator of Horace*. Mr. Pope's Father was of a Gentleman's Family in Oxfordshire, the head of which was the Earl of Downe, whose sole Heiress married the Earl of Lindsey. — His mother was the daughter of William Turnor, Esq; of York: She had three brothers, one of whom was killed, another died in the service of King Charles; the eldest following his fortunes, and becoming a general Officer in Spain, left her what estate remained after the sequestrations and forfeitures of her family. — Mr. Pope died in 1717, aged 75; She in 1733, aged 93, a very few weeks after this poem was finished. The following inscription was placed by their son on their Monument in the parish of Twickenham, in Middlesex.

D. O. M.

ALEXANDRO. POPE. VIKO. INNOCVO. PROBO. PIQ.

QVI. VIXIT. ANNOS. LXXV. OB. MDCCXVII.

ET, EDITHAE. CONIUGI. INCVLPAEILI.

PIENTISSIMAB. QVAE. VIXIT. ANNOS.

XCIII. OB. MDCCXXXIII.

PARENTIBVS. BENEMERENTIBVS. FILIVS. FECIT.

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ET. SIBI.

P.

Yet why? that Father held it for a rule,
 It was a sin to call our neighbour fool:
 That harmless Mother thought no wife a whore:
 Hear this, and spare his family, *James Moore!*
 Unspotted names, and memorable long!
 If there be force in Virtue, or in Song.

Of gentle blood (part shed in Honour's cause,
 While yet in *Britain* Honour had applause)
 Each parent sprung — A. What fortune, pray? —

P. Their own, 390
 And better got, than *Bestia's* from the throne.
 Born to no Pride, inheriting no Strife,
 Nor marrying Discord in a noble wife,
 Stranger to civil and religious rage,
 The good man walk'd innoxious thro' his age. 395
 No Courts he saw, no suits would ever try,
 Nor dar'd an Oath, nor hazarded a Lye.

VER. 390. A. *What fortune, pray?*] His friend's personating the *Town* in this place, and assuming its impertinent curiosity, gives great spirit to the ridicule of the question. — Julian has a parallel stroke, in his sarcastic discourse to the people of Antioch, where he tells them a story out of Plutarch, concerning Cato; who, when he came near their City, found their youth under arms, and the magistrates in their robes of office. On which alighting in an ill humour with his friends who he imagined had informed them of his approach, the master of the ceremonies came up, and, advancing before the company, accosted him in this manner; "Stranger, how far off is Demetrius?" Now this Demetrius (says Julian) was one of Pompey's freedmen, and immensely rich. You will ask me what he was worth; for I know nothing so likely to excite your curiosity. Why, truly, for this, you must consult Demophilus the Bithynian, whose anecdotes turn chiefly upon subjects of this high importance.

Unlearn'd he knew no schoolman's subtle art,
 No language, but the language of the heart.
 By Nature honest, by Experience wise, 400
 Healthy by temp'rance, and by exercise;
 His life, tho' long, to sickness past unknown,
 His death was instant, and without a groan.
 O grant me, thus to live, and thus to die! 404
 Who sprung from Kings shall know less joy than I.
 O Friend! may each domestic bliss be thine!

Be no unpleasing Melancholy mine:
 Me, let the tender office long engage,
 To rock the cradle of reposing Age,
 With lenient arts extend a Mother's breath, 410
 Make Languor smile, and smooth the bed of Death,
 Explore the thought, explain the asking eye,
 And keep a while one parent from the sky!
 On cares like these if length of days attend,
 May Heav'n, to bless those days, preserve my friend,
 Preserve him social, chearful, and serene, 416
 And just as rich as when he serv'd a QUEEN.
 A. Whether that blessing be deny'd or giv'n,
 Thus far was right, the rest belongs to Heav'n.

VARIATIONS.

After VER. 405. MS.

And of myself, too, something must I say?
 Take then this verse, the trifle of a day.
 And if it live, it lives but to commend
 The man whose heart has ne'er forgot a friend,
 Or head, an Author: Critic, yet polite,
 And friend to Learning, yet too wise to write.

This too was night; the red balcony
 A whisper that bling he heard on his
 And this as when he felt a spark
 Reflected from social, cheerful, and serene,
 Joyous to find those days precise my friend
 Of course like these it began of days around
 And keep a while one patient from the sky!
 Whence she thought, explain the asking eye
 Make I laughor smile, and move the bed of death.
 With leisure we extend a shadow's dream
 To rock the cradle of growing life.
 He, for the tender other long engaged,
 No no hesitating melancholy mine:
 O friend! may each domestic bliss be thine!
 We no longer from Kings shall know less joy than I.
 O grant me, thus to live, and due to die!
 The death was instant, and without a groan.
 Little time long, to sickness past unknown,
 Healthy by temperance, and by exercise;
 My nature healthily by Experience wife,
 No language, but the language of the heart.
 I learned to know the laborer's labors are

CONTAINS

And I have not a friend
 To lead me to the land
 Of the living, where I find
 The truth that I have seen
 In the world of the dead
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1772



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Advertisement.

THE occasion of publishing these *Imitations* was the Clamour rais'd on some of my *Epistles*. An Answer from *Horace* was both more full, and of more Dignity, than any I could have made in my own person; and the Example of much greater Freedom in so eminent a Divine as Dr. *Donne*, seem'd a proof with what indignation and contempt a Christian may treat Vice or Folly, in ever so low, or ever so high a Station. Both these Authors were acceptable to the *Princes* and *Ministers* under whom they lived. The Satires of Dr. *Donne* I versified, at the desire of the Earl of *Oxford* while he was Lord Treasurer, and of the Duke of *Shrewsbury*, who had been Secretary of State; neither of whom look'd upon a Satire on Vicious Courts as any Reflection on those they serv'd in. And indeed there is not in the world a greater error, than that which Fools are so apt to fall into, and Knaves with good reason to encourage, the mistaking a *Satirist* for a *Libeller*; whereas to a true *Satirist* nothing is so odious as a *Libeller*, for the same reason as to a man truly virtuous nothing is so hateful as a *Hypocrite*.

Uni aequus Virtuti atque ejus Amicis, Pa

THE

First Satire of the Second Book

OF

H O R A C E

IMITATED.

WHOEVER expects a *Paraphrase* of Horace, or a faithful Copy of his genius, or manner of writing, in these IMITATIONS, will be much disappointed. Our Author uses the Roman Poet for little more than his canvas: And if the old design or colouring chance to suit his purpose, it is well: if not, he employs his own, without scruple or ceremony. Hence it is, he is so frequently serious where Horace is in jest; and at ease where Horace is disturbed. In a word, he regulates his movements no further on his Original, than was necessary for his concurrence, in promoting their common plan of *Reformation of manners*.

Had it been his purpose merely to paraphrase an ancient Satirist he had hardly made choice of Horace; with whom, as a Poet, he held little in common, besides a comprehensive knowledge of life and manners, and a certain *curious felicity* of expressi-

on, which consists in using the simplest language with dignity, and the most ornamented, with ease. For the rest, his harmony and strength of numbers, his force and splendor of colouring, his gravity and sublimity of sentiment, would have rather led him to another model. Nor was his temper less unlike that of Horace, than his talents. What Horace would only smile at, Mr. Pope would treat with the grave severity of Persius : and what Mr. Pope would strike with the caustic lightning of Juvenal, Horace would content himself in turning into ridicule.

If it be asked then, why he took any body at all to *imitate*, he has informed us in his *Advertisement*. To which we may add, that this sort of Imitations, which are of the nature of *Parodies*, adds reflected grace and splendor on original wit. Besides, he deemed it more modest to give the name of Imitations to his Satires, than, like Despreaux, to give the name of Satires to Imitations.

SATIRA PRIMA.

HORATIUS, TREBATIUS.

HORATIUS,

SUNT quibus in Satira videar nimis acer, et ultra
Legem tendere opus; ^b sine nervis altera, quidquid
Composui, pars esse putat, similesque meorum
Mille die versus deduci posse. ^c Trebati,
Quid faciam? praeſcribe.

T. ^a Quiescas.

H. Ne faciam, inquis,

Omnino versus?

T. Aio.

H. Peream male, si non

Optimum erat: ^c verum nequeo dormire.

VER. 3. *Scarce to wiſe Peter---Chartres*] It has been commonly obſerved of the Engliſh, that a Rogue never goes to the Gallows without the pity of the Spectators, and their parting curſes on the rigour of the Laws that brought him thither: and this has been as commonly aſcribed to the good nature of the people. But it is a miſtake. The true cauſe is their hatred and envy of power. Their compaſſion for Dunces and Scoundrels (when expoſed by great writers to public contempt, either in juſtice to the age, or in vindication of their own Characters) has the ſame ſource. They cover their envy to a ſuperior genius, in lamenting the ſeverity of his Pen.

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*Safe from the Bar, the Pulpit & the Throne
Yet touch'd and sham'd by Ridicule alone*

(Ep. to Satires, Part)

S A T I R E I.

To Mr. FORTESCUE.

P. **T**H E R E are (I scarce can think it, but am told)

* There are, to whom my Satire seems too bold :

Scarce to wise Peter complaisant enough,

And something said of Chartres much too rough.

^b The lines are weak, another's pleas'd to say,

Lord Fanny spins a thousand such a day.

Tim'rous by nature, of the Rich in awe,

^c I come to Council learned in the Law :

You'll give me, like a friend both sage and free,

Advice ; and (as you use) without a Fee.

F. ^d I'd write no more.

P. Not write ? but then I think,

* And for my soul I cannot sleep a wink.

VER. 7. *Tim'rous by nature, of the Rich in awe,*] The delicacy of this does not so much lie in the ironical application of it to himself, as in its seriously characterising the Person for whose advice he applies.

VER. 12. *Not write ?* &c.] He has omitted the most humorous part of the answer.

Peresam male, si non

Optimum erat,

and has lost the grace, by not imitating the conciseness, of *verum nequeo dormire,*

T. ^f Ter uncti

Transnanto Tiberim, somno quibus est opus alto ;

Irriguumvè mero sub noctem corpus habento.

Aut, si tantus amor scribendi te rapit, aude

CÆSARIS invicti res dicere, ^h multa laborum

Praemia laturus.

H. Cupidum, pater optime, vires

Deficiunt : ⁱ neque enim quivis *borrentia pilis*

Agmina, nec fracta pereuntes cuspide Gallos,

Aut *labentis equo* describat vulnera *Parthi.*

T. Attamen et justum poteras et scribere fortem,

Scipiadam ut sapiens Lucilius.

For conciseness, when it is clear (as in this place) gives the highest grace to elegance of expression.---But what follows is as much above the Original, as this falls short of it.

VER 23. *What ? like Sir Richard, &c.*] Mr. Molyneux, a great Mathematician and Philosopher, had a high opinion of Sir Richard Blackmore's poetic vein. *All our English poets, except Milton* (says he, in a letter to Mr. Locke) *have been mere*

I nod in company, I wake at night,
Fools rush into my head, and so I write.

F. You could not do a worse thing for your life. 15
Why, if the nights seem tedious—take a wife :

^f Or rather truly, if your point be rest,
Lettuce and cowslip-wine ; *Probatum est*.

But talk with Celsus, Celsus will advise

Hartthorn, or something that shall close your eyes. 20

^g Or, if you needs must write, write CÆSAR'S Praise,

^h You'll gain at least a *Knighthood*, or the *Rays*.

P. What ? like Sir ⁱ Richard, rumbling, rough,
and fierce.

With ARMS, and GEORGE and BRUNSWICK crowd
the verse,

Rend with tremendous sound your ears asunder, 25

With Gun, Drum, Trumpet, Blunderbuss, and
Thunder ?

Or nobly wild, with Budget's fire and force,

Paint Angels trembling round his falling Horse ?

F. ^k Then all your Muse's softer art display,

Let CAROLINA smoothe the tuneful lay, 30

ballad-makers in comparison of him. And Mr. Locke, in answer to this observation, replies, *I find with pleasure, a strange harmony throughout, between your Thoughts and mine.* Just so a Roman lawyer, and a Greek Historian, thought of the poetry of Cicero. But these being judgments made by men out of their own profession, are little regarded. And Pope and Juvenal will make Blackmore and Tully pass for Poetasters to the world's end.

VER. 28. *falling Horse ?*] The horse on which his Majesty

H. Haud mihi deero,

Cum res ipsa feret : ¹ nisi *dextro tempore*, Flacci

Verba per attentam non ibunt *Cæsaris* aurem :

Cui male si palpere, recalcitrat undique tutus.

T. ^m Quanto rectius hoc, quam tristi lædere versu

Pantolabum scurram, Nomentanumve nepotem ?

ⁿ Cum sibi quisque timet, quamquam est *intactus*, et
odit.

H. ° Quid faciam ? saltat Milonius, ut semel icto

Accessit fervor capiti, numerusque lucernis.

^p Castor gaudet equis ; *ovo prognatus eodem*,

Pugnis. quot capitum vivunt, totidem studiorum

Millia. ^q me pedibus delectat claudere verba,

charged at the battle of Oudenard ; when the Pretender,
and the Princes of the blood of France, fled before him.

VER. 39. *Abuse the City's best good men in metre*] The *best good Man*, a City phrase for the *richest*. *Metre*---not used here, purely to help the verse, but to shew what it is a citizen esteems the greatest aggravation of the offence.

VER. 41. *What should ail them ?*] Horace hints at one reason, *that each fears his own turn may be next* ; his imitator gives *another*, and with more art, a reason which insinuates, that his very lenity, in using feigned names, increases the number of his Enemies.

VER. 50. *Like in all else, as one Egg to another.*] This has neither the justness nor elegance of
ovo prognatus eodem,

Lull with AMELIA's liquid name the Nine,
And sweetly flow thro' all the Royal Line.

P. ¹ Alas! few verses touch their nicer ear;
They scarce can bear their *Laureate* twice a year;
And justly CAESAR scorns the Poet's lays,

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It is to *History* he trusts for Praise.

F. ^m Better be Cibber, I'll maintain it still,
Than ridicule all Taste, blaspheme *Quadrille*,
Abuse the City's best good men in metre,
And laugh at Peers that put their trust in Peter. 40
ⁿ Ev'n those you touch not, hate you.

P. What should ail them?

F. A hundred smart in Timon and in Balaam:
The fewer still you name, you wound the more:
Bond is but one, but Harpax is a score.

P. ^o Each mortal has his pleasure: none deny 45
Scarfdale his Bottle, Darty his Ham-pye;
Kidotta slips and dances, till she see
The doubling Lustres dance as fast as she;
P F—loves the Senate; Hockley-hole his brother,
Like in all else, as one Egg to another, 50
I love to pour out all myself, as plain
As downright SHIPPEN, or as old Montagne:

For tho' it may appear odd, that those *who come from the same*
Egg should have tempers and pursuits directly contrary; yet
there is nothing strange, that two Brothers, *alike in all things*
else, should have different amulements.

VER. 52. *As downright Shippen, or as old Montagne:*] They
had this, indeed, in common, to use great liberties of speech,
and to profess saying what they thought. Montagne had many

Lucilî ritu, nostrûm melioris utroque.
 Ille velut fîdis arcana sodalibus olim
 Credebat libris; neque, si male gesserat, usquam
 Decurrens alio, neque si bene: quo fit, ut omnis
 Votiva pateat veluti descripta tabella
 Vita senis. sequor hunc, ¹ Lucanus an Appulus,
 anceps:

[Nam Venusinus arat finem sub utrumque colonus,
 Missus ad hoc, pulsus (vetus est ut fama) Sabellis;
 Quo ne per vacuum Romano incurreret hostis;
 Sive quod Appula gens, seu quod Lucania bellum
 Incuteret violenta.] ² sed hic stylus haud petet ultro
 Quemquam animantem, et me veluti custodiet ensis
 Vagina tectus, quem cur desfringere coner,

qualities, that had gained him the love and esteem of his Readers: The other had *one*, which always gained him the favourable attention of his Hearers. For as a celebrated Roman Orator observes. "Maledicit INERUDITUS apertius
 "et saepius, cum periculo etiam suo. Affert et ista res
 "OPINIONEM, quia libentissime homines audiunt ea quae
 "dicere *ipsi* noluisent."

VER. 56. *the medium must be clear.*] Allusion to a fountain of limpid water, thro' which the contents of the bottom are discovered. This thought assisted him in the easy and happy change of the metaphor in the following line.

VER. 63. *My head and heart thus flowing thro' my quill,*] Inferior to the Original:

Ille velut fîdis arcana sodalibus olim
 Credebat libris, etc.

In them, as certain to be lov'd as seen,
 The Soul stood forth, nor kept a thought within;
 In me what spots (for spots I have) appear, 55
 Will prove at least the Medium must be clear.

In this impartial glass, my Muse intends
 Fair to expose myself, my foes, my friends;
 Publish the present age; but where my text
 Is Vice too high, reserve it for the next: 60

My foes shall wish my life a longer date,
 And ev'ry friend the less lament my fate.
 My head and heart thus flowing thro' my quill,
 Verse-man or Prose-man, term me which you will,
 Papist or Protestant, or both between, 65

Like good Erasmus in an honest Mean,
 In moderation placing all my glory,
 While Tories call me Whig, and Whigs a Tory.

* Satire's my weapon, but I'm too discreet

To run a muck, and tilt at all I meet; 70

Persius alluded to this idea when he said,
Vidi, vidi ipse, Libelle! etc.

VER. 64. *Verse-man or Prose-man, term me which you will, Papist or Protestant, etc.*] The original thought (which is very flat, and so ill and awkwardly expressed, as to be taken for a monkish Addition) is here admirably imitated, in a lively character of himself, and his Writings.

VER. 69. *Satire's my Weapon*] In these Words, our Author has happily explained the true Character of Horace's ironical Apology, which is to this purpose: Nature, says he, has given all Creatures the means of offence and defence: The wolf has teeth, the bull has horns, and I have a talent for satire. And, at the same time he vindicates his claim to

† Tutus ab infestis latronibus ? * O pater et rex

Jupiter, ut pereat positum rubigine telum,

Nec quisquam noceat * cupido mihi pacis ! at ille,

Qui me commôrit, (melius non tangere, clamor)

* Flebit, et insignis tota cantabitur urbe.

this his *natural* weapon, *Satire*, he shews its moral use ; it was to oppose to the noxious qualities which nature had given Cervius for *insinuating*, Canidia for *poisoning*, and Tullius for *passing sentence*. The turn of this ludicrous argumentation is fine and delicate ; and we find his Imitator saw the whole force of it ;

VER. 71. *I only bear it in a land of Hosts, etc.*] Superior to,

tutus ab infestis latronibus, which only carries on the metaphor in

enſis
Vagina tectus, whereas the imitation does more ; for, along with the metaphor, it conveys the image of the subject, by presenting the reader with the several objects of satire.

† I only wear it in a land of Hectors,
 Thieves, Supercargoes, Sharpers and Directors.
 † Save but our *Army* ! and let Jove incrust
 Swords, pikes, and guns, with everlasting rust !
 † Peace is my dear delight—not FLEURY's more : 75
 But touch me, and no minister so fore.
 Whoe'er offends, at some unlucky time
 * Slides into verse, and hitches in a rhyme,
 Sacred to Ridicule his whole life long,
 And the sad barthen of some merry song. 80

VER. 72. *Thieves, Supercargoes,*] The names, at that time, usually bestowed on those whom the trading Companies sent with their Ships, and intrusted with their concerns, abroad.

VER. 73. *Save but our Army, etc.*] “ Une maladie nouvelle (says the admirable Author de *L'esprit de Loix*) s'est répandue en Europe; elle a saisi nos Princes, et leur fait entretenir un nombre desordonné de Troupes. Elle a ses redoublemens, et elle devient nécessairement contagieuse. Car si-tôt qu'un Etat augmentent ce qu'il appelle ses Troupes, les autres soudain augmentent les leurs, de façon qu'on ne gagne rien par-là que la Ruïne commune. Chaque Monarque tient sur pied toutes les Armées qu'il pourroit avoir si ses Peuples étoient en danger d'être exterminés; et on nomme Paix cet état d'effort de tous contre tous. Aussi l'Europe est-elle si ruinée, que les particuliers, qui seroient dans la situation où sont le trois Puissances de cette partie du monde les plus opulentes, n'auroient pas de quoi vivre. Nous sommes pauvres avec les Richesses & le commerce de tout l'Univers; & bientôt, à force d'avoir des Soldats, nous n'aurons plus que des Soldats, & nous serons comme des Tartares.”

y Cervius iratus leges minitatur et urnam ;
 Canidia Albuti, quibus est inimica, venenum ;
 Grande malum Turius, si quid se iudice certes :
 z Ut, quo quisque valet, suspectos terreat, utque
 Imperet hoc Natura potens, sic collige mecum.
 Dente lupus, cornu taurus petit ; unde, nisi intus
 Monstratum ? a Scaevae vivacem crede nepoti
 Matrem ; nil faciet sceleris pia dextra (mirum ?
 Ut neque calce lupus quemquam, neque dente petit
 bos)
 Sed mala tollet anum vitiato melle cicuta.
 b Ne longum faciam : seu me tranquilla senectus
 Exspectat, seu mors atris circumvolat alis ;
 Dives, inops ; Romae, seu fors ita jusserit, exsul ;

VER. 81---84. *Slander--libell'd by ber hate.*] There seems to be more spirit here than in the original. But it is hard to pronounce with certainty. For tho' one may be confident there is more force in the 83^d and 84th lines than in
 Canidia Albuti, quibus est inimica, venenum ;
 yet there might be something, for ought we know, in the Character or History of *Cervius*, which might bring up that line to the spirit and poignancy of the 82^d verse of the Imitation.

7 Slander or Poison dread from Delia's rage,
 Hard words or hanging, if your Judge be Page.
 From furious Sappho scarce a milder fate,
 P-x'd by her love, or libell'd by her hate.

2 Its proper pow'r to hurt, each creature feels; 85
 Bulls aim their horns, and Asses lift their heels;
 'Tis a Bear's talent not to kick, but hug;
 And no man wonders he's not stung by Pug.

2 So drink with Walters, or with Chartres eat,
 They'll never poison you, they'll only cheat. 90

b Then, learned Sir! (to cut the matter short)
 Whate'er my fate, or well or ill at Court,
 Whether Old age, with faint but chearful ray,
 Attends to gild the Evening of my day,
 Or Death's black wing already be display'd, 95
 To wrap me in the universal shade;

VER. 84---90. *It's proper power to hurt, etc.*] All, except the two last lines, inferior to the elegance and precision of the Original.

VER. 93---96. *Whether old age---shade*] The Original is more finished, and even sublime. Besides, the last verse---
To wrap me in the universal shade, has a languor and redundancy unusual with our author.

Quisquis erit vitae, scribam, color.

T. d O puer, ut sis

Vitalis metuo; et majorum ne quis amicus

Frigore te feriat.

H. e Quid? cum est Lucilius ausus

Primus in hunc operis componere carmina morem,

Detraberet et pellem, nitidus qua quisque per ora

Cederet, introrsum turpis; num Laelius, et qui

Duxit ab oppressa meritum Carthagine nomen,

VER. 97. *Whether the darken'd room---Or whitened wall---*
This is only a wanton joke upon the terms of his Original

Quisquis erit vitae color.

VER. 104. *Will club their Testers, &c.*] The image is exceeding humorous, and, at the same time, betrays the injustice of their resentment in the very circumstance of their indulging it; as it shews the Poet had said no more of their avarice, than what was true. Our Author's abundance of Wit has made his readers backward in acknowledging his talent for Humour. But the veins are equally rich; and the one flows with ease, and the other is always placed with propriety.

VER. 105--120. *What I am'd for Virtue, etc.*] This is not only superior to Horace, but equal to any thing in himself.

VER. 110. *Lights of the Church, or Guardians of the Laws?* Because just *Satire* is an useful supplement to the functions of *Law* and *Religion*; and has, therefore, a claim to the protection of those who preside in the administration either of church or state.

Whether the darken'd room to muse invite,
 Or whiten'd wall provoke the skew'r to write :
 In durance exile, Bedlam, or the Mint,
 ' Like Lee or Budgell, I will rhyme and print. 100

F. ^d Alas young man ! your days can ne'er be long.
 In flow'r of age you perish for a song !
 Plums and Directors, Shylock and his Wife,
 Will club their Testers, now, to take your life !

P. ^e What ? arm'd for Virtue when I point the pen,
 Brand the bold front of shameless guilty men ; 106
 Dash the proud Gamester in his gilded Car ;
 Bare the mean Heart that lurks beneath a Star ;
 Can there be wanting, to defend Her cause,
 Lights of the Church, or Guardians of the Laws ?
 Could pension'd Boileau lash in honest strain 111
 Flatt'ers and Bigots ev'n in Louis' reign ?
 Could Laureate Dryden Pimp and Fry'r engage,
 Yet neither Charles nor James be in a rage ?
 And I not ^f strip the gilding off a Knave, 115
 Unplac'd, unpension'd, no man's heir, or slave ?

VER. III. *Could pension'd Boileau---Could Laureat Dryden*] It was Horace's purpose to compliment the former times, and therefore he gives the virtuous examples of Scipio and Lælius ; it was Mr. Pope's, to satirize the present, and therefore he gives the vicious examples of Louis, Charles and James. Either way the instances are equally pertinent ; but in the latter they have rather greater force. Only the line,
Uni æquus virtuti, atque ejus amicis,
 loses something of its spirit in the imitation ; for the *amicis*, referred to, were Scipio and Lælius.

Ingenio offensi ? aut laeso doliuere Metello,

Famosisque Lupo cooperto versibus ? atqui

Primores populi arripuit populumque tributim ;

Scilicet & UNI ÆQUUS VIRTUTI ATQUE EJUS

AMICIS.

^h Quin ubi se a vulgo et scena in secreta remorant

Virtus Scipiadae et mitis sapientia Laeli,

Nugari cum illo, et discincti ludere, donec

Decoqueretur olus, soliti.

Quidquid sum ego, quamvis

Infra Lucili censum, ingeniumque ; tamen me

ⁱ Cum *magnis vixisse* invita fatebitur usque

Invidia ; et fragili quaerens illidere dentem,

Offendet solido :

VER. 129. *And HE, whose lightning, etc.*] Charles Mordaunt Earl of Peterborow, who in the year 1705 took Barcelona, and in the winter following with only 280 horse and 900 foot enterprized and accomplished the Conquest of Valentia.

VER. 133: *Envy must own, etc.*] Horace makes the point of honour to consist simply in his living familiarly with the Great,

I will, or perish in the gen'rous cause :
Hear this, and tremble ! you, who 'scape the Laws.

Yes, while I live, no rich or noble knave
Shall walk the World, in credit, to his grave. 120

TO VIRTUE ONLY and HER FRIENDS a FRIEND,

The World beside may murmur, or commend,

Know, all the distant din that world can keep,

Rolls o'er my Grotto, and but sooths my sleep.

There, my retreat the best Companions grace, 125

Chiefs out of war, and Statesmen out of place.

There ST. JOHN mingles with my friendly bowl

The Feast of Reason and the Flow of soul :

And He, whose lightning pierc'd th'Iberian Lines,

Now forms my Quincunx, and now ranks my Vines,

Or tames the Genius of the stubborn plain, 131

Almost as quickly as he conquer'd Spain.

¹ Envy must own, I live among the Great,

No Pimp of pleasure, and no Spy of state,

With eyes that pry not, tongue that ne'er repeats, 135

Fond to spread friendships, but to cover heats ;

To help who want, to forward who excel ;

This, all who know me, know ; who love me, tell ;

*Cum magnis vixisse invita fatebitur usque
Invidia.*

Our poet, more nobly, in his living with them on the footing of an honest man.—He prided himself in this superiority,

as appears from the following words, in a letter to Dr. Swift,

" To have pleased great men, according to Horace, is a

" praise ; but not to have flattered them, and yet not have

" displeased them, is a greater." *Let. vii. Jan. 12, 1723.*

** nisi quid tu, docte Trebati,*
Dissentis.

T. ¹ Equidem nihil hinc diffingere possum
Sed tamen ut monitus caveas, ne forte negoti
Incutiat tibi quid sanctarum inscitia legum:

^m “ Si mala condiderit in quem quis carmina, jus est
“ *Judiciumque.*”

H. Esto, si quis ⁿ mala. sed bona si quis
Judice condiderit laudatus CAESARE? si quis
Opprobriis dignum laceraverit, integer ipse?

T. ^o Solventur risu tabulae: tu missus abibis.

VER. 146. *A man was bang'd, &c.] Si mala condiderit.---*
A great French Lawyer explains this matter very truly:
“ L'Aristocratie est le Gouvernement qui proscriit les plus les
“ Ouvrages satiriques. Les Magistrats y sont de petits sove-
“ rains, qui ne sont pas assez grands pour mepriser les injures,
“ Si dans la Monarchie quelque trait va contre le Monarque,
“ il est si haut que le trait n'arrive point jusqu'à lui; un
“ Seigneur Aristocratique en est percé de part en part.
“ Aussi les *Decemvirs*, qui formoient une Aristocratie, puni-
“ rent-ils de mort les Ecrits Satiriques.” De L'Esprit des
Loix, L. xii. c. 13.

VER. 150. *Libels and Satires! lawless things indeed! But*
grave Epistles, etc.] The legal objection is here more justly
and decently taken off than in the Original. Horace evades
the force of it with a quibble,

Esto, si quis mala; sed bona si quis.

But the Imitator's *grave Epistles* shew the *satire* to be a serious
reproof, and therefore justifiable; which the *integer ipse* of
the Original does not: for however this might plead in mi-
tigation of the offence, nothing but their being *grave E-*
pistles could justify the attack.

VER. 152. *F. Indeed?] Hor.*

And who unknown defame me, let them be,
Scriblers or Peers, alike are *Mob* to me. 140

This is my Plea, on this I rest my cause—

^k What faith my Council, learned in the laws!

F. ^l Your Plea is good; but still I say, beware!

Laws are explain'd by men—so have a care.

It stands on record, that in Richard's times 145

A man was hang'd for very honest rhymes;

^m Consult the Statute, *quart.* I think, it is,

Edwardi sext. or prim. et quint. Eliz.

See *Libels, Satires*—here you have it—read.

P. ⁿ *Libels* and *Satires*! lawless things indeed! 150

But grave *Epistles*, bringing Vice to light,

Such as a King might read, a Bishop write,

Such as Sir ROBERT would approve—

F. Indeed?

The Case is alter'd—you may then proceed;

^o In such a cause the Plaintiff will be hiss'd, 155

My Lords the Judges laugh, and you're dismiss'd.

Solventur risu tabulae.

Some Critics tell us, it is want of taste to put this line in the mouth of Trebatius. But our Poet confutes this censure, by shewing how well the sense of it agrees to his Friend's character. The Lawyer is cautious and fearful; but as soon as SIR ROBERT, the Patron both of Law and Gospel, is named as approving them, he changes his note, and, in the language of old Plouden, owns, *the Case is altered*. Now was it not as natural, when Horace had given a hint that Augustus himself supported him, for Trebatius, a Court Advocate, who had been long a Client to him and his Uncle, to confess *the Case was alter'd*?

And so unknown to the world, let them be
 scholars of Pears, like me able to me.
 This is the place on this I tell my friends—
 What faith my Counsel, learned in the law?
 Your Pears is good; I shall tell you Pears is
 I am not explaining by me—I have a case
 I stand on record, that in Richard's time
 A man was hang'd for my honest saying;
 Goodness the statute, years I think it is
 I am at heart on your capacity, like
 See I shall satisfy you have it—read
 P. I shall and shall I shall things indeed! 150
 My friend, I shall I shall things indeed!
 I am a King's right hand in his right
 Such as the Roman world approve—
 E. Indeed?
 The date is altered—your name then passed;
 In such a case the friends will be 155
 My friends the judges judge, and you're satisfied.
 Solvent his estate.
 I shall tell us, it is your of course to give the time in
 the Court of Probate. But our Post-Office is the way
 by showing how with the Court of Probate, the friends
 of the Court. The lawyer's capacity and the Court, but as
 I shall tell you both of law and of the Court, and in
 I shall be appearing there, he changes his name, and in
 the name of old Pears, the Court is altered. Now
 I shall be appearing there, when Pears has given a list of
 the friends I shall report him, the friends of the Court. I shall
 who had been long a friend to him and his friends.
 I shall be the Court and the friends.

THE
SECOND SATIRE
OF THE
SECOND BOOK
OF
HORACE.

S A T I R A II.

QUAE virtus & quanta, boni, fit vivere parvo,
(Nec meus hic sermo: sed quae praecepit
Ofellus,

Rusticus, ^d *abnormis* Sapiens, *crassaque* Minerva)

Discite, ^e non inter lances *mensosque nitentes*;

Cum super *inanis* acies *fulgoribus*, et cum

Acclinis falsis animus meliora recusat:

^c Verum hic *impransi* mecum disquirite. Cur hoc?

Dicam, si potero. male verum examinat omnis

Corruptus iudex. Leporem sectatus, equove

Lassus ab indomito; vel (si Romana fatigat

Militia assuetum graecari) seu pila velox,

Molliter auterum studio fallente laborem;

Seu te discus agit, pete cedentem aëra disco;

Cum labor extulerit fastidia; foccus, inanis,

Sperne *cibum vilem*: nisi Hymettia mella Falerno,

Ne biberis, diluta. ⁱ foris est promus, et atrum

Defendens pisces hiemat mare: cum sale panis

Latrantem stomachum bene leniet. unde putas, aut

Qui partum non in cara nidore voluptas

Summa, sed in *teipso* est. tu pulmentaria quaere

VER. 5. *a gilt Buffet's reflected pride.--Turns you from sound
Philosobhy aside;*] More forcibly and happily expressed than
the original *acclinis falsis*; tho' that be very elegant.

SATIRE II.

To Mr. BETHEL.

^a **W**HAT, and how great, the Virtue and the
Art

To live on little with a chearful heart ;

^b (A doctrine sage, but truly none of mine)

Let's talk, my friends, but talk ^c before we dine.

^e Not when a gilt Buffet's reflected pride

Turns you from sound Philosophy aside ;

Not when from plate to plate your eyeballs roll,

And the brain dances to the mantling bowl.

Hear BETHEL's Sermon, one not vers'd in schools,

^d But strong in sense, and wise without the rules. 10

^h Go work, hunt, exercise ! (he thus began)

Then scorn a homely dinner, if you can.

ⁱ Your wine lock'd up, your Butler stroll'd abroad,

Or fish deny'd (the river yet unthaw'd)

If then plain bread and milk will do the feat, 15

The pleasure lies in you, and not the meat.

VER. 9. BETHEL.] The same to whom several of Mr:
Pope's letters are addressed.

Sudando. pinguem vitiis albumque neque ostrea,
Nec scarus, aut poterit peregrina juvare lagoïis.

* Vix tamen eripiam, posito *pavone*, velis quin
Hoc potius quam *gallina* tergere palatum;
Corruptus vanis rerum: quia veneat auro
Rara avis, et picta pandat spectacula cauda:
Tamquam ad rem attineat quidquam. Num ves-
ceris ista,
Quam laudas, pluma? coctove num adest honor
idem?

Carne tamen quamvis distat nihil hac, magis illa;
Imparibus formis deceptum te patet, esto.
Unde datum sentis, lupus hic, Tiberinus an alto
Captus hiet? pontesne inter jactatus, an amnis
Ostia sub Tusci? ¹ laudas, insane, *trilibrem*
Mullum; in singula quem minuas pulmenta necesse
est

Ducit te species, video. quo pertinet ergo
Proceros odisse *lupos*? quia scilicet illis
Majorem natura modum dedit, his breve pondus.
Jejunus raro stomachus vulgaria temnit.

^m *Porrectum magno magnum spectare catino*
Vellem, ait *Harpyiis* gula digna rapacibus. At vos,
* *Praesentes Austri*, coquite horum opsonia: quam-
quam

VIZ. 26. *Hog barbecu'd, etc.*] A West Indian term of
gluttony, a hog roasted whole, stuffed with spice, and basted
with Madeira wine.

* Preach as I please, I doubt our curious men
 Will chuse a pheasant still before a hen ;
 Yet hens of Guinea full as good I hold,
 Except you eat the feathers green and gold, 20
 † Of carps and mullets why prefer the great.
 (Tho' cut in pieces ere my Lord can eat)
 Yet for small Turbots such esteem profess ?
 Because God made these large, the other less.
 † Oldfield with more than Harpy throat endu'd, 25
 Cries " Send me, Gods ! a whole Hog barbecu'd !"
 Oh blast it, ° South-winds ! till a stench exhale
 Rank as the ripeness of a rabbit's tail.
 By what Criterion do you eat, d'ye think,
 If this is priz'd for sweetness, that for stink ? 30

VER. 27. *O blast it, South-winds !*] This has not the force,
 nor gives us the pleasant allusion in the original, *coquite*.

Putet aper rhombusque recens, mala copia quando
 Aegrum sollicitat stomachum; cum *rapula* plenus
 Atque acidas mavult *inulas*. ° necdum *omnis* abacta
Pauperies epulis regum: nam *vilibus* ovis
 Nigrisque est *oleis* hodie locus. Haud ita pridem
 Galloni praeconis erat acipensere mensa
 Infamis. quid? tum rhombos minus aequora alebant?
 P Tutus erat rhombus, tutoque *ciconia* nido,
 Donec vos auctor docuit *praetorius*. ergo
 ° Si quis nunc *mergos* suaves edixerit *affos*,
 Parebit parvi docilis *Romana* *juventus*.
 ° Sordidus a tenui victus distabit, Ofello
 Judice: nam frustra vitium vitaveris istud
 Si te alio pravus detorseris. ° Avidienus,
 ° Cui *Canis* ex vero ductum cognomen adhæret,

VER. 42. *Bedford-bead*;] A famous Eating-house.

VER. 43. *Or ev'n to crack live Crawfish*] There is force and humour in *edixerit* and *parebit*, which the imitation does not reach.

When the tir'd glutton labours thro' a treat,
 He finds no relish in the sweetest meat,
 He calls for something bitter, something sour,
 And the rich feast concludes extremely poor :

° Cheap eggs, and herbs, and olives still we see ; 35

Thus much is left of old Simplicity !

° The Robin-red-breast till of late had rest,

And children sacred held a Martin's nest,

Till Becca-ficos sold so dev'lish dear

To one that was, or would have been, a Peer. 40

° Let me extol a Cat, on oysters fed,

I'll have a party at the Bedford-head ;

Or ev'n to crack live Crawfish recommend ;

I'd never doubt at Court to make a friend.

° 'Tis yet in vain, I own, to keep a pother 45

About one vice, and fall into the other :

Between Excess and Famine lies a mean ;

Plain, but not sordid ; tho' not splendid, clean.

° Avidien, or his Wife (no matter which,

For him you'll call a ° dog, and her a bitch) 50

VER. 50. *For him you'll call a dog, and her a bitch.*] Our Poet had the art of giving wit and dignity to his Billingsgate, which Horace seems not to have learnt.

Quinquennes oleas est, et, sylvestria corna;

^u Ac, nisi *mutatum*, parcit defundere *vinum*; et

Cujus odorem olei nequeas perferre (licebit

Ille *repotia*, natales, aliosque dierum

^w *Festis* albatus celebret) cornu ipse bilibri

Caulibus instillat, ^x *veteris non parvus aceti*.

Quali igitur victu sapiens utetur, et horum

Utrum imitabitur? hac urget lupo, hac canis, aiunt.

^y Mundus erit, qua non offendat fordibus, atque

In neutram partem cultus miser. ^a Hic neque *servis*

Albuti senis exemplo, dum munia didit,

Saevus erit; nec si ut simplex ^b Naevius, *unctam*

Convivis praebebit *aquam*: vitium hoc quoque magnum.

^c Accipe nunc, victus tenuis quae quantaque secum

Afferat. ^d In primis valeas bene; nam variae res

Ut noceant homini, credas, memor illius escae,

Quae simplex ^e *olim* tibi sederit. at simul assis

Miscueris elixa, simul conchylia turdis;

Dulcia se in bilem vertent, stomachoque tumultum

Lenta feret pituita. ^f Vides, ut pallidus omnis

Cœna desurgat dubia? quin corpus onustum

Hesternis vitiis *animum* quoque praegravat una,

Atque affigit humo *divinae particulam aerae*.

Sell their presented partridges, and fruits,
And humbly live on rabbits and on roots :

" One half-pint bottle serves them both to dine,
And is at once their vinegar and wine.

But on some ^w lucky day (as when they found 55

A lost Bank bill, or heard their son was drown'd)

At such a feast, ^x old vinegar to spare,

Is what two souls so gen'rous cannot bear :

Oil, tho' it stink, they drop by drop impart,

But sowse the cabbage with a bounteous heart. 60

^y He knows to live, who keeps the middle state,

And neither leans on this side, nor on that ;

Nor ^a stops, for one bad cork, his butler's pay,

Swears, like Albutius, a good cook away ;

Nor lets, like ^b Nævius, ev'ry error pass, 65

The musty wine, foul cloth, or greasy glass.

^c Now hear what blessings Temperance can bring

(Thus said our friend, and what he said I sing)

^d First Health : the stomach (cramm'd from ev'ry dish,

A tomb of boil'd and roast, and flesh and fish, 70

Where bile, and wind, and phlegm, and acid jar,

And all the man is one intestine war)

Remembers oft ^e the School-boy's simple fare,

The temp'rate sleeps, and spirits light as air. 74

^f How pale, each Worshipful and Rev'rend guest

Rise from a Clergy, or a City feast!

What life in all that ample body, say ?

What heav'nly particle inspires the clay ?

ⁱ Alter, ubi dicto citius curata sopori
Membra dedit, vegetus praescripta ad munia surgit.
ⁱ Hic tamen ad melius poterit transcurrere quon-
dam;

Sive diem festum rediens advexerit annus,
Seu recreare volet tenuatum corpus: ubique
Accedent anni, et tractari mollis aetas
Imbecilla volet. ⁱ Tibi quidnam accedet ad istam,
Quam puer et validus praesumis, mollitiem; seu
Dura valetudo inciderit, seu tarda senectus?

ᵏ Rancidum aprum antiqui laudabant: non quia
natus

Illis nullus erat; sed, credis, hac mente, quod hospes
Tardius adveniens vitiatum commodius, quam
Integram edax dominus consumeret. ⁱ hos utinam
inter

Heroas natum tellus me prima tulisset.

ᵐ Das aliquid famae, quae carmine gratior aurem
Occupet humanam? grandes rhombi, patinaeque

VER. 79, 80. *The Soul subsides, and wickedly inclines---To
seem but mortal ev'n in sound Divines.* Horace was an Epicure-
an, and laughed at the immortality of the soul. He there-
fore describes that languor of the mind proceeding from in-
temperance, on the idea, and in the terms of Plato,
affigit humo divinae particulam aurae.

To this his ridicule is pointed. Our Poet, with more so-
briety and judgment, has turned the ridicule, from the Doc-
trine, which he believed, upon those Preachers of it, whose

The Soul subsides, and wickedly inclines
To seem but mortal, ev'n in sound Divines.

80

⁸ On morning wings how active springs the Mind
That leaves the load of yesterday behind?

How easy ev'ry labour it pursues?

How coming to the Poet ev'ry Muse?

^b Not but we may exceed, some holy time,

85

Or tir'd in search of Truth, or search of Rhyme;

Ill health some just indulgence may engage;

And more the sickness of long life, Old age;

ⁱ For fainting Age what cordial drop remains,

If our intemp'rate Youth the vessel drains?

90

^k Our fathers prais'd rank Ven'ison You suppose,

Perhaps, young men! our fathers had no nose.

Not so: a Buck was then a week's repast,

And 'twas their point, I ween, to make it last;

94

More pleas'd to keep it till their friends would come,

Than eat the sweetest by themselves at home.

^l Why had not I in those good times my birth,

Ere coxcomb-pyes or coxcombs were on earth?

Unworthy he, the voice of Fame to hear,

^m That sweetest music to an honest ear;

100

feasts and compotations in Taverns did not edify him! and

so has added surprizing humour and spirit to the easy ele-

gance of the Original.

VER. 81. *On morning wings, etc.*] Much happier and nobler than the original.

VER. 86. *Or tir'd in search of Truth, or search of Rhyme.*] A

fine ridicule on the extravagance of human pursuits; where

the most trifling and most important concerns of life succeed

one another, indifferently.

Grande ferunt una ^a cum damno dedecus. adde

• Iratum patrum, vicinos, te tibi iniquum,

Et frustra mortis cupidum, cum deerit egenti

^p As, laquei pretium.

^q Jure, inquit, Trausius istis

Jurgatur verbis : ego vectigalia magna,

Divitiasque habeo tribus amplas regibus. ^r Ergo,

Quod *superat*, non est *melius* quo insumere possis,

Cur eget indignus *quisquam*, te divite ? quare

• *Templa ruunt antiqua Deum ? cur, improbe, carae*

Non aliquid *patriae* tanto emetiris acervo ?

Uni nimirum tibi recte semper erunt res ?

VER. 117, 118. *Ob Impudence of wealth ! with all thy store,
How dar'st thou let one worthy man be poor ?*]

Cur eget indignus quisquam, te divite ?

is here admirably paraphrased. And it is observable in these *Imitations*, that where our Poet keeps to the sentiments of Horace, he rather piques himself in excelling the most finished touches of his Original, than in correcting or improving the more inferior parts. Of this elegance of ambition all his Writings bear such marks, that it gave countenance to an invidious imputation, as if his chief talent lay in copying finely. But if ever there was an inventive genius in Poetry it was Pope's. But his fancy was so corrected by his judgment, and his imitation so spirited by his genius, that what he *improved* struck the vulgar eye more strongly than what he *invented*.

VER. 122. *As M***o's was, etc.*] I think this light stroke of satire ill placed ; and hurts the dignity of the preceding morality. Horace was very serious, and properly so, when he said,

cur, Improbe ! carae

Non aliquid patriae tanto emetiris acervo.

He remembered, and hints with just indignation, at those Luxurious Patricians of his old party ; who, when they had

(For 'faith, Lord Fanny ! you are in t'ie wrong,
 The world's good word is better than a song)
 Who has not learn'd, ⁿ fresh sturgeon and ham-pye
 Are no rewards for want, and infamy !
 When Luxury has lick'd up all thy pelf, 105
 Curs'd by thy ° neighbours, thy trustees, thyself,
 To friends, to fortune, to mankind a shame,
 Think how posterity will treat thy name ;
 And ^p buy a rope, that future times may tell
 Thou hast at least bestow'd one penny well. 110

“ Right, cries his Lordship, for a rogue in need
 “ To have a taste is insolence indeed :

“ In me 'tis noble, suits my birth and state,

“ My wealth unwieldy, ^r and my heap too great.”

Then, like the Sun, let Bounty spread her ray, 115
 And shine that superfluity away.

Oh Impudence of wealth ! with all thy store,

How dar'st thou let one worthy man be poor ?

Shall half the ^s new built churches round thee fall ?

Make Keys, build Bridges, or repair White-hall :

Or to thy Country let that heap be lent, 121

As M**o's was, but not at five per cent.

agreed to establish a fund in the cause of Freedom, under the
 conduct of Brutus, could never be persuaded to withdraw
 from their expensive pleasures what was sufficient for the
 support of so great a cause. He had prepared his apology
 for this liberty, in the preceding line, where he pays a fine
 compliment to Augustus :

quare

Templa ruunt antiqua Deum ?

which oblique Panegyric the Imitator has very properly
 turned into a just stroke of satire.

* O magnus posthac inimicis risus ! uterne

u Ad casus dubios fidet sibi certius ? hic, qui

Pluribus assuêrit mentem corpusque superbum ;

An qui contentus parvo metuensque futuri,

In pace, ut sapiens, aptarit idonea bello ?

w Quo magis his credas : puer hunc ego parvus

Ofellum

Integris opibus novi non latius usum,

Quam nunc x accisis. Videas, metato in agello,

Cum pecore et gnatis, fortem mercede colonum,

Non ego, narrantem, temere edi luce profesta

Quidquam, praeter y olus fumosae cum pede pernae.

Ac mihi seu z longum post tempus venerat hospes,

Sive operum vacuo gratus conviva per imbrem

Vicinus ; bene erat, non piscibus urbe petitis,

Sed pullo atque boedo : tum a pensilis uva secundas

* Who thinks that Fortune cannot change her mind,

Prepares a dreadful jest for all mankind.

And ^u who stands safest? tell me, is it he 125

That spreads and swells in puff'd Prosperity,

Or blest with little, whose preventing care

In peace provides fit arms against a war?

^w Thus BETHEL spoke, who always speaks his thought,

And always thinks the very thing he ought: 130

His equal mind I copy what I can,

And as I love, would imitate the Man.

In South-sea days not happier, when surmis'd

The Lord of Thousands, than if now ^x Excis'd;

In forest planted by a Father's hand, 135

Than in five acres now of rented land.

Content with little I can piddle here

On ^y brocoli and mutton, round the year;

But ^z ancient friends (tho' poor, or out of play)

That touch my bell, I cannot turn away. 140

'Tis true, no ^a Turbots dignify my boards;

But gudgeons, flounders, what my Thames affords:

Et *nux* ornabat mensas, cum *dis*plice *scu*.

Post hoc ludus erat ^b cuppa potare magistra:

Ac *venerata* *Ceres*, ita culmo surgeret alto,

Explicuit vino contractae seria frontis.

Saeviat atque novos moveat *Fortuna* tumultus !

Quantum hinc imminuet ? quanto *aut* ego parcius,

aut vos,

O pueri, nituistis, ut hoc ^d *novus inco'a* venit ?

Nam ^e *proprias telluris* herum natura neque illum,

Nec me, nec quemquam statuit. nos expulit ille ;

To Hounslow heath I point and Bansted-down,
Thence comes your mutton, and these chicks my
own :

^b From yon old walnut-tree a show'r shall fall ; 145
And grapes, long ling'ring on my only wall,
And figs from standard and espalier join ;
The dev'l is in you if you cannot dine :
Then ^c chearful healths (your Mistress shall have place)
And, what's more rare, a Poet shall say Grace. 150

Fortune not much of humbling me can boast :
Tho' double tax'd, how little have I lost ?
My Life's amusements have been just the same,
Before, and after ^d Standing Armies came.
My lands are sold, my father's house is gone ; 155
I'll hire another's ; is not that my own,
And yours, my friends ? thro' whose free-op'ning gate
None comes too early, none departs too late ;
(For I, who hold sage Homer's rule the best,
Welcome the coming, speed the going guest.) 160

" Pray heav'n it last ! (cries SWIFT !) as you go on ;
" I wish to God this house had been your own :
" Pity ! to build, without a son or wife ;
" Why, you'll enjoy it only all your life."

Well, if the use be mine, can it concern one, 165
Whether the name belong to Pope or Vernon ?
What's ^e *Property* ? dear Swift ! you see it alter
From you to me, from me to ^f Peter Walter ;

Illum aut^f nequities aut^z *vafri inſcitia juris,*

Postremum expellet certe^h *vivacior heres.*

¹ Nunc ager *Umbreni sub nomine, nuper Ofelli*

Dictus erat : nulli proprius ; sed cedit in usum

Nunc mihi, nunc alii. ^k quocirca vivite fortes,

Fortiaque adverſus opponite pectora rebus.

VER. 177. *prond Buckingham's, etc.] Villiers Duke of Buckingham.*

VER. 179. *Let lands and houſes, etc.] The turn of his imi-*

Or, in a mortgage, prove a Lawyer's share;

Or, in a jointure, vanish from the heir;

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Or in pure ^f equity (the case not clear)

The Chanc'ry takes your rents for twenty year :

At best, it falls to some ^z ungracious son,

Who cries, " My father's damn'd, and all's my own."

^h Shades, that to Bacon could retreat afford,

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Become the portion of a booby Lord ;

And Hemsley, once proud Buckingham's delight,

Slides to a Scriv'ner or a city Knight.

^b Let lands and houses have what lords they will,

Let Us be fix'd, and our own masters still.

180

tation, in the concluding part, obliged him to diversify the sentiment. They are equally noble: but Horace's is expressed with the greater force.

Or, in a mortgage, prove a lawyer's share;
 Or, in a jointure, vanish from the hearth;
 Or in wife's equity (the case not clear)
 The Chancery takes your rank for twenty years:
 At last, it falls to some magician's lot,
 Who cries, "My father's land, and all its own"
 "Shades, that to Bacon could retreat afford,
 Become the portion of a peevish lord;
 And Henry, once proud Buckingham's delight,
 Slides to a scutcheon or a city knight.
 Let lands and houses have what lands they will,
 Let us be fix'd, and our own matters fill.

When, in the concluding part, obliged him to deliver the
 monument. They are equally noble; but Horace's is ex-
 pressed with the greater force.

THE
FIRST EPISTLE
OF THE
FIRST BOOK
OF
HORACE.

EPISTOLA I.

PRIMA dicte mihi, summa dicende camena,

^b Spectatum satis, et donatum jam rude, quaeris,

Maecenas, iterum antiquo me includere ludo.

Non eadem est aetas, non mens. ^c Veianius, armis

^d Herculis ad postem fixis, latet abditus agro;

Ne populum ^e extrema toties exoret arena.

^f Est mihi purgatam crebro qui personet aurem;

Solve ^g fenescentem mature sanus equum, ne

Peccet ad extremum ridendus, et ilia ducat.

Nunc itaque et ^hversus, et *cætera ludicra* pono:

VER. 16. *You limp, like Blackmore on a Lord Mayor's horse.]*
The fame of this heavy Poet, however problematical elsewhere, was universally received in the City of London. His versification is here exactly described; stiff, and not

EPISTLE I.

To L. BOLINGBROKE.

ST. JOHN, whose love indulg'd my labours past,
 Matures my present, and shall bound my last!
 Why^b will you break the Sabbath of my days?
 Now sick alike of Envy and of Praise.

Public too long, ah let me hide my Age! 5
 See Modest^c Cibber now has left the Stage:

Our Gen'als now, ^d retired to their Estates,
 Hang their old Trophies o'er the Garden gates,
 In Life's cool Ev'ning satiate of Applause,
 Nor^e fond of bleeding, ev'n in BRUNSWICK's cause.

^f A voice there is, that whispers in my ear, 11
 ('Tis Reason's voice, which sometimes one can hear)

" Friend Pope! be prudent, let your ^g Muse take
 " breath,

" And never gallop Pegasus to death;

" Left stiff, and stately, void of fire or force, 15

" You limp, like Blackmore on a Lord Mayor's
 " horse."

Farewell then ^h Verse and Love, and ev'ry Toy,
 The Rhymes and Rattles of the Man or Boy;

strong; stately and yet dull, like the sober and slow-paced
 Animal generally employed to mount the Lord Mayor: and
 therefore here humorously opposed to Pegasus.

Quid ¹ verum atque *decens*, curo et rogo, et *omnis* in
hoc sum :

² Condo, et compono, quæ mox depromere possim.

Ac ne forte roges, ¹ quo me *duce*, quo *Lare* tuter :

Nullius addictus jurare in verba magistri,

^m Quo me cunque rapit tempestas, deferor *hospes*.

Nunc *agilis* fio, et merfor ⁿ *civilibus undis*,

Virtutis verae custos, ^o *rigidisque satellites* :

Nunc in ^{*} Aristippi ^p *furtim praecepta relabor*,

Et mihi res, non me rebus, subungere conor.

^a Ut nox longa, quibus mentitur amica ; diesque

Lenta videtur *opus debentibus* : ut piger annus

Pupillis, quos dura premit custodia matrum :

Sic mihi tarda ^r fluunt *ingrataque tempora*, quæ spem

Consiliumque *morantur* agendi gnaviter ^s id, quod

Aeque *pauperibus* prodest, *locupletibus* aequæ,

Aequæ neglectum *pueris senibusque* nocchit.

• Omnis Aristippum decuit color, et status, et res.

What ⁱ right, what true, what fit we justly call,
Let this be all my care—for this is All: 20

To lay this ^k harvest up, and hoard with haste
What ev'ry day will want, and most, the last.

But ask not, to what ^l Doctors I apply?
Sworn to no Master, of no Sect am I:

As drives the ^m storm, at any door I knock: 25

And house with Montagne now, or now with Locke.
Sometimes a ⁿ Patriot, active in debate,

Mix with the World, and battle for the State,

Free as young Lyttelton, her cause pursue,

Still true to Virtue, ^o and as warm as true:

Sometimes with Aristippus, or St. Paul,

Indulge my candor, and grow all to all;

Back to my ^p native Moderation slide,

And win my way by yielding to the tide.

^q Long, as to him who works for debt, the day, 35

Long as the Night to her whose Love's away,

Long as the Year's dull circle seems to run,

When the brisk Minor pants for twenty-one:

So slow th' ^r unprofitable moments roll,

That lock up all the Functions of my soul; 40

That keep me from myself; and still delay

Life's instant business to a future day;

That ^s task, which as we follow, or despise,

The eldest is a fool, the youngest wise.

Which done, the poorest can no wants endure; 45

And which not done, the richest must be poor.

^t *Restat*, ut his ego me ipse regam ^u *solerque ele-*
mentis :

^w Non possis oculo quantum contendere Lynceus ;

Non tamen idcirco contemnas lippus intungi :

Nec, quia desperes invicti membra Glyconis,

Nodosa corpus nolis prohibere cheragra.

Est quadam prodire ^x *tenuis*, si non datur ultra.

^y Fervet avaritia, miseroque cupidine pectus ?

Sunt *verba* et *voces*, quibus hunc lenire dolorem

Possis, et ^z magnam morbi deponere partem.

Laudis amore tumes ? sunt ^a certa *piacula*, quæ te

Ter pure lecto poterunt recreare libello.

^b Invidus, iracundus, iners, vinosus, ^c *amator* ;

Nemo ^d adeo *ferus* est, ut non mitescere possit,

Si modo culturae patientem commodet aurem.

^e Virtus est, vitium fugere ; et sapientia prima,

Stultitia caruisse. vides, quæ ^f maxima credis

Esse mala, exiguum censum, turpemque repulsam,

Quanto devites animi capitisque labore.

Impiger extremos curris mercator ad Indos,

VER. 58. *Between the fits---*] The sense of
magnam morbi deponere partem
is here very happily expressed. And
Ter pure lecto, etc.

† Late as it is, I put myself to school,
 And feel some ^u comfort, not to be a fool.
^w Weak tho' I am of limb, and short of Sight,
 Far from a Lynx, and not a Giant quite; 50
 I'll do what Mead and Chefelden advise,
 To keep these limbs, and to preserve these eyes.
 Not to ^x go back, is somewhat to advance,
 And men must walk at least before they dance.

Say, does thy ^y blood rebel, thy bosom move 55
 With wretched Av'rice, or as wretched Love?
 Know, there are Words and Spells, which can controll
^a Between the Fits this Fever of the soul:
 Know, there are Rhymes, which ^a fresh and fresh ap-
 ply'd

Will cure the arrant'st Puppy of his Pride. 60
 Be ^b furious, envious, slothful, mad, or drunk,
^c Slave to a Wife, or Vassal to a Punk,
 A Switz, a High-dutch, or a Low-dutch ^d Bear;
 All that we ask is but a patient Ear.

^e 'Tis the first Virtue, Vices to abhor; 65
 And the first Wisdom, to be Fool no more.
 But to the world no ^f bugbear is so great,
 As want of figure, and a small Estate.

in the following line, as happily varied. But the whole pas-
 sage, which describes the use and efficacy of satire, is admi-
 rably imitated.

Per ^s mare *pauperiem* fugiens, per saxa, per ignes:
 Ne cures ^h ea, quae *stulte* miraris et optas,
 Discere, et audire, et meliori credere non vis?
 Quis circum pagos et circum cōmpita pugna
 Magna coronari contemnat Olympia, cui spes,
 Cui sit conditio dulcis sine pulvere palmae?
 “ⁱ Vilius est auro argentum, virtutibus aurum,
 “^k O cives, cives! quaerenda pecunia primum est;
 Virtus post nummos: haec ^l *Janus summus* ab imo
 Prodocet: haec recinunt juvenes dictata senesque,
 “^m Lævo suspensi loculos tabulamque lacerto.

VER. 70. *Scar'd at the spectre of pale Poverty! Tho' this has all the spirit, it has not all the imagery of the Original; where Horace makes Poverty pursue, and keep pace with the miser in his flight.*

Per mare *pauperiem* fugiens, per saxa, per ignes.
 But what follows,

Wilt thou do nothing, etc.
 far surpasses the Original.

VER. 77. *Here wisdom calls, etc.] All from hence to ver. 110, is a pretty close translation: but in general done with so masterly a spirit, that the Original, tho' one of the most finished passages in Horace, looks only like the imitation of it.*

VER. 78. *As gold to Silver, Virtue is to Gold.] This perhaps is the most faulty line in the whole collection. The Original is,*

Vilius est auro argentum, virtutibus aurum.
 which only says, *that as silver is of less value than gold, so Gold is of less value than Virtue: in which simple inferiority, and not the proportion of it, is implied.* For it was as contrary to the Author's purpose, as it is to common sense, to suppose, that Virtue was but just as much better than gold, as gold is better than silver. Yet Mr. Pope, too attentive to his constant object,

To either India see the Merchant fly,
 Scar'd at the spectre of pale Poverty ! 70
 See him, with pains of body, pangs of soul,
 Burn through the Tropic, freeze beneath the Pole !
 Wilt thou do nothing for a nobler end,
 Nothing, to make Philosophy thy friend ?
 To stop thy foolish views, thy long desires, 75
 And ease thy heart of all that it admires ?
 Here, Wisdom calls : ⁱ " Seek Virtue first, be bold !
 " As Gold to Silver, Virtue is to Gold."
 There, London's voice, ^k " Get Money, Money still !
 " And then let Virtue follow, if she will." 80
 This, this the saving doctrine, preach'd to all,
 From ^l low St. James's up to high St. Paul ;
 From him whose ^m quills stand quiver'd at his ear,
 To him who notches sticks at Westminster.

conciſeneſs, has, before he was aware, fallen into this absurd meaning.

VER. 82. *From low St. James's up to high St. Paul,*] i. e. This is a doctrine in which both Whigs and Tories agree.

VER. 83. *From him whose quills stand quiver'd at his ear,*] They who do not take the delicacy of this satire, may think the figure of *standing quiver'd*, extremely hard and quaint ; but it has an exquisite beauty, insinuating that the pen of a Scrivener is as ready as the quill of a porcupine, and as fatal as the shafts of a Parthian.—*Quiver'd at his ear*, which describes the position it is usually found in, alludes to the custom of the American canibals, who make use of their hair (tied in a knot on the top of their heads) for a quiver for their *poison'd arrows*.

VER. 84. *notches sticks*] Exchequer Tallies.

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Est ^a animus tibi, sunt mores, est lingua fidesque:

Sed quadringentis sex septem millia defint,

° Plebs eris. P at pueri ludentes, Rex eris, aiant,

Si recte facies. Hic ^a murus aheneus esto,

Nil conscire sibi, nulla pallescere culpa.

° Roscia, dic sodes, melior lex, an puerorum est

Naenia, quae regnum recte facientibus offert,

Et maribus ° Curiis et decantata Cam'illis ?

° Isne tibi melius suadet, qui, " Rem facias ; rem,

VER. 95 Be this thy Screen, and this [thy Wall of Brass ;]

Hic murus aheneus esto.

Dacier laughs at an able Critic, who was scandalized, that the
antient Scholiasts had not explained what Horace meant by a
wall of brass ; for says Dacier, " Chacun se fait des difficultez
" à sa mode, & demande des remarques proportionnés à son
" goût : " he then sets himself in good earnest about this

Barnard ^a in spirit, sense, and truth abounds; 85

"Pray then, what wants he?" Fourſcore thousand pounds;

A penſion, or ſuch Harneſs for a ſlave

As Bug now has, and Dorimant would have.

Barnard, thou art a ^o Cit, with all thy worth;

But Bug and D^{*1}, Their *Honours*, and ſo forth. 90

Yet ev'ry ^p child another ſong will ſing,

"Virtue, brave boys! 'tis Virtue makes a King."

True, conſcious Honour is to feel no ſin,

He's arm'd without that's innocent within;

Be this thy ^a Screen, and this thy Wall of Braſs; 95

Compar'd to this a Miniſter's an Aſs.

^t And ſay, to which ſhall our applauſe belong,

This new Court jargon, or the good old ſong?

The modern language of corrupted Peers,

Or what was ſpoke at ^a CRESSY and POITIERS? 100

^t Who counſels beſt? who whiſpers, "Be but great,

"With Praise or Infamy leave that to fate;

important inquiry: and, by a paſſage in Vegetius, luckily diſcovers, that it ſignified an *old veteran* armed cap-a-pie in *braſs*, PLACED TO COVER HIS FELLOW. Our Poet has happily ſerved himſelf of this impertinence to convey a very fine ſtroke of ſatire.

VER. 97. *And ſay, etc.*] Theſe four lines greatly ſuperior to any thing in the Original.

" Si possis, recte ; si non, quocunque modo rem."

Ut ¹ propius species lacrymosa poemata Pupi !

An, ² qui fortunæ te responsare superbae

Liberum et erectum, ³ *praesens* hortatur et aptat ?

⁴ Quod si me Populus Romanus forte roget, cur

Non, ut ⁵ porticibus, sic judiciis fruam isdem ;

Nec sequar aut fugiam, quae diligit ipse vel odit :

Olim quod ⁶ vulpes aegroto cauta leoni

Respondit, referam : Quia me vestigia terrent

Omnia te adversum spectantia, nulla retrorsum.

⁷ *Belua multorum es caput*. nam quid sequar

aut quem ?

VER. 117. Full many a Beast goes in, but none come out.
This expression is used for the joke's sake ; but it hurts his
moral ; which is, that they come out beasts. He should have
have stuck to the terms of his Original, *vestigia omnia te ad-
versum spectantia*.

VER. 118. Adieu to Virtue, etc.] These two lines are in

" Get Place and Wealth, if possible, with grace;

" If not, by any means get Wealth and Place.

For what ? to have a ^u Box where Eunuchs sing, 105
And foremost in the Circle eye a King.

Or ^w he, who bids thee face with steady view
Proud Fortune, and look shallow Greatness thro' :

And, ^x while he bids thee, sets th' Example too ?

If ^y such a Doctrine, in St. James's air, 110

Shou'd chance to make the well-drest Rabble stare ;

If honest S^{*z} take scandal at a Spark,

That less admires the ^z Palace than the Park :

Faith I shall give the answer ^a Reynard gave :

" I cannot like, dread Sir, your Royal Cave : 115

" Because I see, by all the tracks about,

" Full many a Beast goes in, but none come out."

Adieu to Virtue, if you're once a Slave :

Send her to Court, you send her to her grave.

Well, if a King's a Lion, at the least 120

The ^b People are a many-headed Beast :

Can they direct what measures to pursue,

Who know themselves so little what to do ?

tended for the application or moral of a fable, which needed no explaining ; so that, they impair the grace of it, at best, inferior to his Original. For Horace speaks of the common people, *Populus Romanus*, to whom one of Æsop's Fables was properly addressed : but, this is too simple a method of conveying truth to the well-drest Rabble of St. James's.

Pars hominum gestit ^c conducere *publica* : sunt qui

^d Crustis et *pomis* viduas veniuntur avaras,

Excipiantque senes, quos in vivaria mittant :

^e *Multis* occulto crescit res fenore. ^f verum

Esto, aliis alios rebus studiisque teneri :

Iidem eadem possunt horam durare probantes ?

^g Nullus in orbe sinus *Baiis* præluet amœnis,

Si dixit *dives* ; ^h lacus et mare sentit amorem

VER. 124. *Alike in nothing but one Lust of Gold, Just half the land would buy, and half be sold :*] Here the argument suffers a little for the sake of the satire. The reason why the People should not be followed is because

Belua multorum est capitum. nam quid sequar, aut quem ? they are so divers in their pursuits (says Horace) that one cannot follow this man without being condemned by that. The imitator says, they all go on one common principle, *the lust of*

Alike in nothing but one Lust of Gold,
 Just half the land would buy, and half be sold : 125
 Their ^c Country's wealth our mightier Misers drain,
 Or cross, to plunder Provinces, the Main ;
 The rest, some farm the Poor-box, some the Pews ;
 Some keep Assemblies, and would keep the Stews ;
 Some ^d with fat Bucks on childless dotards fawn ;
 Some win rich Widows by their ^eChine and Brawn ;
 While with the silent growth of ten per cent,
 In dirt and darkness, ^e hundreds stink content.

Of all these ways, if each ^f pursues his own,
 Satire, be kind, and let the wretch alone : 135

But shew me one who has it in his pow'r
 To act consistent with himself an hour.

Sir Job ^g sail'd forth, the ev'ning bright and still,
 " No place on earth (he cry'd) like Greenwich hill !"

^h Up starts a Palace, lo, th' obedient base 140
 Slopes at its foot, the woods its sides embrace,
 The silver Thames reflects its marble face, }

gold. This inaccuracy, tho' Horace has a little of it, yet he has however artfully disguised it, by speaking of the various objects of this one Passion, *avarice*, as of so many various passions,

Pars hominum gestis conducere publica : sunt qui, etc.

Crustis et pomis

Multis occulto, etc.

but his imitator has unwarily drawn them to a point, by the introductory addition of the two lines above,

Alike in nothing, etc.

Festinantis heri: cui si ¹ vitiosa libido

Fecerit auspicium; cras ferramenta Teanum

Tolletis, fabri, ² lectus genialis in aula est?

Nil ait esse prius, melius nil coelibe vita:

¹ Si non est, jurat bene solis esse maritis.

^m Quo teneam vultus mutantem Protea nodo?

Quid ⁿ pauper? ride: mutat ^o coenacula, lectos,

Balnea, ^p tonsores; conducto navigio aeque

Naufeat, ac locuples quem ducit priva triremis.

^q Si curatus *inaequali* tonfore, capillos

VEN. 143. Now: let some cobinssy, etc.] This is very spirited, but much inferior to the elegance of the original,

Cui si vitiosa Libido

Fecerit auspicium

which alluding to the religious manners of that time, no modern imitation can reach.

Now let some whimsy, or that 'Dev'l within
Which guides all those who know not what they
mean,

But give the Knight (or give his Lady) spleen ;

" Away, away ! take all your scaffolds down, 146

" For Snug's the word ; My dear ! we'll live in Town."

At am'rous Flavio is the ^k stocken thrown ?

That very night he longs to lie alone.

^l The Fool, whose Wife elopes some thrice a quarter,

For matrimonial solace dies a martyr, 151

Did ever ^m Proteus, Merlin, any witch,

Transform themselves so strangely as the Rich ?

Well, but the ⁿ Poor--The Poor have the same itch ;

They change their ^o weekly Barber, weekly News, 155

Prefer a new Jappanner, to their shoes,

Discharge their Garrets, move their beds, and run

(They know not whither) in a Chaise and one ;

They ^p hire their sculler, and when once aboard,

Grow sick, and damn the climate--like a Lord. 160

^q You laugh, half Bean, half Sloven if I stand,

My wig all powder, and all snuff my band ;

VER. 155. *They change their weekly Barber, etc.*] These six lines much more spirited than the original. In Horace, the people's inconstancy of temper is satirized only in a simple exposure of the case. Here the ridicule on the folly is heightened by an humourous picture of the various objects of that inconstancy.

Occurro ; rides. si forte subucula pexae
 Trita subest tunicae, vel si toga *dissidet impar* ;
 Rides. quid, ^r mea cum pugnat *sententia secum* ;
 Quod petiit, spernit ; repetit quod nuper omisit ;

• Aestuat, et vitae disconvenit ordine toto ;

• Diruit, aedificat, mutat quadrata rotundis ?

• Insanire putas solennia me, neque rides,

Nec ^w *medici* credis, nec *curatoris* egere

A *praetore* dati ; rerum ^x tutela mearum

Cum sis, et prave sectum stomacheris ob unguem,

De te *pendentis*, te *respicientis* amici.

Ad summam, *sapiens* uno ^y minor est *Jove*, dives,

• Liber, ^a honoratus, ^b pulcher, ^c rex denique regum ;

Praecipue sanus, ^e nisi cum pituita molesta est.

VER. 182. *when plunder'd,*] i. e. By the public ; which has rarely her revenge on her plunderers ; and when she has, more rarely knows how to use it.

You laugh, if coat and breeches strangely vary,
White gloves, and linen worthy Lady Mary!
But when ' no Prelate's Lawn with hair-shirt lin'd,
Is half so incoherent as my Mind, 166
When (each opinion with the next at strife,
One ' ebb and flow of Follies all my life)
I ' plant root up; I build, and then confound;
Turn round to square, and square again to round;
" You never change one muscle of your face, 171
You think this Madness but a common case,
Nor " once to Chanc'ry, nor to Hale apply;
Yet hang your lip, to see a Seam awry!
Careless how ill I with myself agree, 175
Kind to my dress, my figure, not to Me.
Is this my x Guide, Philosopher, and Friend?
This he, who loves me, and who ought to mend;
Who ought to make me (what he can, or none,)
That Man divine whom Wisdom calls her own; 180
Great without Title, without Fortune bless'd;
Rich y ev'n when plunder'd, z honour'd while oppress'd;
Lov'd a without youth, and follow'd without power;
At home, tho' exil'd; b free, tho' in the Tower;
In short, that reas'ning, high, immortal Thing; 185
Just c less than Jove, and d much above a King,
Nay, half in heav'n—e except (what's mighty odd)
A fit of Vapours clouds this Demy-God?

You laugh, it coot and breeches strangely vary,
 White gloves, and linen worthy Lady Mary;
 But where's my Father's? I want white hair-shirt lin'd,
 It hall to meagre as my mind.
 When (rich opinion with the next at strife,
 One's ebb and flow of Follies all my life)
 I plant root up; I build, and then contemn;
 Turn round to square, and return again to round;
 You never change one smiler of your face,
 You think this Maduck not a common case,
 Nor once to Chance's, nor to Fate apply;
 Yet hang your lip, to see a Seem away!
 Girdle how ill I with myself agree,
 Kind to my dress, my figure, not to Me.
 Is this my Guide, Philosopher, and Friend?
 This he, who loves me, and who ought to mend;
 Who ought to make me (what he can, or needs)
 That Man divine whom Wisdom calls her own;
 Great without Tide, without Fortune's bleed;
 Rich ev'n when plunder'd, honour'd while op-
 press'd;
 Lov'd without youth, and follow'd without power;
 At home, tho' exil'd; not tho' in the Tower;
 In short, that reigning, high, immortal Thing;
 Just 'less than love, and much above a King,
 Nay, half in heav'n—except (what's mighty odd)
 A fit of Vapours clouds this Demy God?

THE
SIXTH EPISTLE
OF THE
FIRST BOOK
OF
HORACE.

EPISTOLA VI.

NIL *admirari*, prope res est una, Numici,
Solaque quae possit facere et servare beatum.

^b Hunc solem, et stellas, & decedentia certis
Tempora momentis, sunt qui ^c formi line nulla
Imbuti spectent. ^d quid censes, munera terrae?
Quid, maris extremos Arabas ^e ditantis et Indos?

VER. 3. *dear MURRAY,*] This Piece is the most finished of all his imitations, and executed in the high manner the Italian Painters call *con amore*. By which they mean, the exertion of that principle, which puts the faculties on the stretch, and produces the supreme degree of *excellence*. For the Poet had all the warmth of affection for the great Lawyer to whom it is addressed: and, indeed, no man ever more deserved to have a *Poet for his friend*. In the obtaining of which, as neither Vanity, Party, nor Fear, had any share; so he supported his title to it by all the offices of true Friendship.

VER. 4. *Greech*] From whose translation of Horace the two first lines are taken.

VER. 6. *stars that rise and fall,*] The original is,
decedentia certis

Tempora momentis

EPISTLE VI.

To Mr. MURRAY.

“NOT to admire, is all the Art I know,
 “To make men happy, and to keep them so.”
 (Plain Truth, dear MURRAY, needs no flow’rs of
 speech,

So take it in the very words of Creech.)

^b This Vault of Air, this congregated Ball, 5
 Self-center’d Sun, and Stars that rise and fall,
 There are, my Friend! whose philosophic eyes
 Look thro’, and trust the Ruler with his skies,
 To him commit the hour, the day, the year,
 And view ^c this dreadful All without a fear. 10
 Admire we then what ^d Earth’s low entrails hold,
 Arabian shores, or Indian seas infold; }
 All the mad trade of ^e Fools and Slaves for Gold? }

which words simply and literally signify, *the change of seasons*.
 But this change being considered as an object of admiration,
 his imitator has judiciously expressed it in the more sublime
 figurative terms of

Stars that rise and fall.

by whose courses the seasons are marked and distinguished.

VER. 8. *trust the Ruler with his Skies. To him commit the
 hour,*] Our Author, in these imitations, has been all along
 careful to correct the loose morals, and absurd divinity of his
 Original.

Ludicra, quid, ^f plausus, et amici dona Quiritis?

Quo spectanda modo, ^z quo sensu credis et ore?

^h Qui *timet* his adversa, fere miratur eodem.

Quo *cupiens* pacto: pavor est *utrobique* molestus:

Improvisa simul species exterret *utrumque*:

ⁱ Gaudeat, an doleat; cupiat, metuatne; quid ad rem,

Si quidquid vidit melius pejusse sua spe,

Defixis oculis animoque et corpore torpet?

^k Infani sapiens nomen ferat, æquus iniqui;

Ultra quam satis est, *virtutem* si petat ipsam.

^l I nunc, argentum et marmor ^m *vetus*, æraque et

artes

VER. 22. *Whether we joy or grieve, the same the curse, Surpriz'd at better, or surpriz'd at worse.*] The elegance of this is superior to the Original. The *curse* is the same (says he) whether we joy or grieve. Why so? Because, in either case, the man is surprized, hurried off, and led away captive.

(The good or bad to one extreme betray

Th' unbalance'd Mind, and snatch the Man away.)

This happy advantage, in the imitation, arises from the ambiguity of the word *surprize*.

VER. 30. *Procure a TASTE to double the surprize.*] This is one of those superior touches that most ennoble a perfect piece. He

Or ^f Popularity ? or Stars and Strings ?
 The Mob's applauses, or the gifts of Kings ? 15
 Say with what ^e eyes we ought at Courts to gaze,
 And pay the Great our homage of Amaze ?

If weak the ⁿ pleasure that from these can spring,
 The fear to want them is as weak a thing :
 Whether we dread, or whether we desire, 20

In either case, believe me, we admire ;
 Whether we ⁱ joy or grieve, the same the curse,
 Surpriz'd at better, or surpriz'd at worse.

Thus good or bad, to one extreme betray
 Th' unbalanc'd Mind, and snatch the Man away ;
 For ^k Virtue's self may too much zeal be had ; 26

The worst of Madmen is a Saint run mad.

Go then, and if you can, admire the state
 Of beaming diamonds, and reflected plate ;

Procure a TASTE to double the surprize, 30

And gaze on ^m Parian Charms with learned eyes :

speaks here of *false taste*, as appears by his directions how to get it, and how to use it when got. *Procure a taste*, says he. That is, of the Virtuosi ; whose science you are to buy for that purpose : for *true taste*, which is from nature, comes of itself. And how are you to use it ? Not to cure you of that bane of life, *admiration* ; but to raise and inflame it, by *doubling your surprize*. And this a *false taste* will always do ; there being none so given to raptures as the *Virtuoso-Tribe* ; where at the *Man of true taste* finds but few things to approve : and those he approves with moderation.

Suspice : cum gemmis ⁿ Tyrios mirare colores :

Gaude, quod spectant oculi te mille loquentem :

Gnavus ^p mane forum, et vespertinus pete tectum ;

^q Ne plus frumenti dotalibus emetat agris

Mutus et (indignum ; quod sit pejoribus ortus)

^r Hic tibi fit potius, quam tu mirabilis illi.

^s Quicquid sub terra est, in apricum proferet aetas ;

Defodiet condetque nitentia. ^t cum bene notum

Porticus Agrippae, et via te conspexerit Appi :

Ire tamen restat, Numa ^u quo devenit et Ancus.

^v Si latus aut renes morbo tentantur acuto,

VER. 53. TULLY, HYDE,] Equal to either, in the ministry of his profession ; and superior to both where the parallel fails : TULLY's brightest talents were frequently tarnished by *Vanity* and *Fear* ; and HYDE's most virtuous purposes perverted and defeated by superstitious notions concerning the divine origine of Government, and the unlimited obedience of the People.

Be struck with bright ⁿ Brocade, or Tyrian Dye,
Our Birth-day Nobles' splendid Livery.
If not so pleas'd, at ^o Council-board rejoice,
To see their Judgments hang upon thy Voice; 35
From ^p morn to night, at Senate, Rolls, and Hall,
Plead much, read more, dine late, or not at all.
But wherefore all this labour, all this strife?
For ^q Fame, for Riches, for a noble Wife?
Shall ^r One whom Nature, Learning, Birth conspir'd
To form, not to admire but be admir'd, 41
Sigh, while his Chloe blind to Wit and Worth
Weds the rich Dulness of some Son of earth?
Yet ^s Time ennobles, or degrades each Line;
It brighten'd CRAGGS's, and may darken thine: 45
And what is Fame? the Meanest have their day,
The Greatest can but blaze, and pass away.
Grac'd as thou art, ^t with all the Pow'r of Words,
So known, so honour'd, at the House of Lords:
Conspicuous Scene! another yet is nigh, 50
(More silent far) where Kings and Poets lie;
Where MURRAY (long enough his Country's pride)
Shall be no more than TULLY, or than HYDE!

^w Rack'd with Sciatics, martyr'd with the Stone,
Will any mortal let himself alone? 55
See Ward by batter'd Beaus invited over,
And desp'rate Misery lays hold on Dover.
The case is easier in the Mind's disease?
There all Men may be cur'd, whene'er they please.

Quaere fugam morbi. * vis recte vivere; quis non?

Si virtus hoc *una* potest dare, fortis omiffis

* Hoc age *deliciis*.

† virtutem verba putes, et

Lucum ligna? ‡ cave ne portus occupet alter:

Ne Cibyratica, ne Bithyna negotia perdas:

§ Mille talenta rotundentur, totidem altera, porro et

Tertia succedant, et quae pars quadret acervum.

Scilicet ^b uxorem cum dote, fidemque, et ^c amicos.

Et ^dgenius, et ^eformam, regina ^fPecunia donat;

Ac bene nummatum decorat Saudela, Venusque.

Mancipiis locuples, eget aeris ^gCappadocum Rex

Ne fueris hic tu. ^hchlamydes Lucullus, ut aiunt,

Would ye be ^x blest ; despise low Joys, low Gains ;
 Disdain whatever CORNBURY disdains ; 61
 Be virtuous, and be happy for your pains. }

 y But art thou one, whom new opinions sway,
 One who believes as Tindal leads the way,
 Who Virtue and a Church alike disowns, 65
 Thinks that but words, and this but brick and stones ?
 Fly ^z then, on all the wings of wild desire,
 Admire what^{ere} the maddest can admire :
 Is Wealth thy passion ? Hence ! from Pole to Pole,
 Where winds can carry, or where waves can roll, 70
 For Indian spices, for Peruvian Gold,
 Prevent the greedy, and out-bid the bold :

^a Advance thy golden Mountain to the skies ;
 On the broad base of fifty thousand rise,
 Add one round hundred, and (if that's not fair) 75
 Add fifty more, and bring it to a square.
 For, mark th' advantage ; just so many score
 Will gain a ^b Wife with half as many more,
 Procure her beauty, make that beauty chaste,
 And then such ^c Friends—as cannot fail to last. 80
 A ^d Man of wealth is dubb'd a Man of worth,
 Venus shall give him Form, and Anstis Birth.
 (Believe me, many a ^e German Prince is worse,
 Who proud of Pedigree is poor of Purse)
 His Wealth brave ^f Timon gloriously confounds ; 85
 Ask'd for a groat, he gives a hundred pounds ;

Si posset centum scenae praebere rogatus,
Qui possum tot ? ait : tamen et quaeram, et quot
habebo

Mittam : post paulo scribit, sibi millia quinque
Esse domi chlamydam : partem, vel tolleret omnes.
ⁱ Exilis domus est, ubi non et multa *superfunt*,
Et *dominum fallunt*, et *profunt furibus*. ^h ergo,
Si res sola potest facere et servare beatum,
Hoc primus repetas opus, hoc postremus omittas.

ⁱ Si fortunatum species et gratia praeſtat,
ⁱ *Mercemur* servum, qui dicet nomina, laevum
Qui fodicet latus, et ^l cogat trans pondera dextram
Porrigere : ^m Hic multum in Fabia valet, ille *Velina* :
Cui libet, is fasces dabit ; eripietque curule,
Cui volet, *importunus* ebur : ⁿ Frater, Pater, adde :
Ut cuique est aetas, ita quemque ^o *facetus* adopta.
Si ^p bene qui coenat, bene vivit ; lucet : eamus

Or if three Ladies like a luckless Play,
Take the whole House upon the Poet's day.

^g Now, in such exigencies not to need,
Upon my word, you must be rich indeed ; 90
A nobler superfluity it craves,

Not for yourself but for your Fools and Knaves ;
Something, which for your Honour they may cheat,
And which it much becomes you to forget.

^h If Wealth alone then make and keep us blest, 95
Still, still be getting, never, never rest.

ⁱ But if to Pow'r and Place your passion lie,
If in the Pomp of Life consist the joy ;

Then ^k hire a Slave, or (if you will) a Lord 100
To do the Honours, and to give the Word ;

Tell at your Levee, as the Clouds approach,
To whom ^l to nod, whom take into your Coach,
Whom honour with your hand : to make remarks,
Who ^m rules in Cornwall, or who rules in Berks :

" This may be troublesome, is near the Chair : 106

" That makes three Members, this can chuse a
" May'r."

Instructed thus, you bow, embrace, protest,
Adopt him ⁿ Son, or Cousin at the least,
Then turn about, and ^o laugh at your own Jest. }

Or if your life be one continu'd Treat, 111

If ^p to live well means nothing but to eat ;

Up, up ! cries Gluttony, 'tis break of day.

Go drive the Deer, and drag the finny-prey ;

Quo ducit gula: piscemur, venemur, ut ^q olim

Gargilius: qui mane plagas, venabula, servos,

Differtum transire forum populumque jubebat,

Unus ~~ut~~ multis populo spectante referret.

Emtum mulus aprum. ^r crudi, tumidique lavemur,

Quid deceat, quid non, obliti; Caerite cera

Digni; ^s *remigium vitiosum* Ithacensis Ulyssæi;

Cui *potior* ^t *patria* fuit interdicta voluptas.

VER. 127. *Wilmot*.] Earl of Rochester.

Ibid. 129. *And SWIFT say wisely, "Vive la Bagatelle!"*]
Our Poet, speaking in one place of the purpose of his satire, says,

In this impartial glass, my Muse intends

Fair to expose myself, my foes, my friends.

and, in another, he makes his Court-Adviser say,

Laugh at your *Friends*, and if your *Friends* before;

So much the better, you may laugh the more.

because their impatience under reproof would shew, they had a great deal which wanted to be set right.

On this principle, *Swift* falls under his correction. He could not bear to see a friend he so much valued, live in the miserable abuse of one of Nature's best gifts, unadmonished of his folly. *Swift* (as we may see by some posthumous Volumes, lately published, so dishonourable and injurious to his memory) trifled away his old age in a dissipation that women and boys might be ashamed of; For when men have

With hounds and horns go hunt an Appetite— 115
 So ^a Ruffel did, but could not eat at night,
 Call'd happy Dog ! the Beggar at his door,
 And envy'd Thirst and Hunger to the Poor.

Or shall we ^r ev'ry Decency confound,
 Thro' Taverns, Stews, and Bagnio's take our round,
 Go dine with Chartres, in each Vice out-do 121
^s K—l's lewd Cargo, or Ty—y's Crew,
 From Latian Syrens, French Circæan Feasts,
 Return well travell'd, and transform'd to Beasts,
 Or for a titled Punk, or foreign Flame, 125
 Renounce our ^t Country, and degrade our Name ?

If, after all, we must with ^u Wilmot own,
 The Cordial Drop of Life is Love alone,

given into a long habit of employing their *wit* only to shew their parts, to edge their spleen, to pander to a faction ; or, in short, to any thing but that for which Nature bestowed it, namely, to recommend, and set off Truth ; old age, which abates the passions, will never rectify the abuses they occasioned. But the remains of wit, instead of seeking and recovering their proper channel, will run into that miserable depravity of taste here condemned : and in which Dr. Swift seems to have placed no inconsiderable part of his wisdom. " I chuse (says he, in a Letter to Mr. Pope) my Companions " amongst those of the least consequence, and most compliance : I read the most trifling Books I can find : and " whenever I write, it is upon the most trifling subjects." And again, " I love *La Bagatelle* better than ever. I am always writing bad prose or worse verses, either of rage or " raillery," etc. And again, in a letter to Mr. Gay, " My " rule is, *Vive la Bagatelle.*"

^u Si, Mimnermus uti censet, sine *amore jocosque*

Nil est jucundum ; vivas in amore jocosque.

^w Vive, vale. si quid novisti rectius istis,

Candidus imperti ; si non, his utere mecum.

And SWIFT cry wisely, "Vive la Bagatelle!"

The Man that loves and laughs, must sure do well. 130

"Adieu—if this advice appear the worst,

E'en take the Counsel which I gave you first:

Or better Precepts if you can impart,

Why do, I'll follow them with all my heart.

And smarts are wisely, "Vixit la Baganilla?"
 The Man that loves and laughs, must have do well
 "Athen—If this advice appear, the words
 Then take the Counsel which I gave you first
 Or better Precepts if you can impart
 Why do, I'll follow them with all my heart.

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THE

FIRST EPISTLE

OF THE

SECOND BOOK

OF

HORACE.

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THE Reflections of *Horace*, and the Judgments past in his Epistle to *Augustus*, seem'd so seasonable to the present Times, that I could not help applying them to the use of my own Country. The Author thought them considerable enough to address them to his Prince; whom he paints with all the great and good qualities of a Monarch, upon whom the Romans depended for the Encrease of an *absolute Empire*. But to make the Poem entirely English, I was willing to add one or two of those which contribute to the Happiness of a *Free People*, and are more consistent with the Welfare of our *Neighbours*.

The Epistle will shew the learned World to have fallen into Two mistakes: one, that *Augustus* was a *Patron of Poets in general*; whereas he not only prohibited all but the Best Writers to name him, but recommended that Care even to the Civil Magistrate: *Admonebat Praetores, ne paterentur Nomen suum obsolescere*, etc. The other, that this Piece was only a *general Discourse of Poetry*; whereas it was an *Apology for the Poets*, in order to render *Augustus* more their Patron. *Horace* here pleads the Cause of his Cotemporaries, first against the Taste of the *Town*, whose humour it was to magnify the Authors of the preceding Age; secondly, against the *Court*

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and *Nobility*, who encouraged only the Writers for the Theatre; and lastly against the *Emperor* himself, who had conceived them of little Use to the Government. He shews (by a View of the Progress of Learning, and the Change of Taste among the Romans) that the Introduction of the Polite Arts of Greece had given the Writers of his Time great advantages over their Predecessors; that their *Morals* were much improved, and the licence of those antient Poets restrained: that *Satire* and *Comedy* were become more just and useful; that whatever extravagances were left on the Stage were owing to the *Ill Taste* of the *Nobility*; that Poets, under due Regulations, were in many respects useful to the State, and concludes, that it was upon them the *Emperor* himself must depend, for his Fame with Posterity.

We may farther learn from this Epistle, that *Horace* made his Court to this Great Prince by writing with a decent Freedom toward him, with a just Contempt of his low Flatterers, and with a manly Regard to his own Character.

EPISTOLA I.

Ad AUGUSTUM.

CUM tot ^a sustineas et tanta negotia solus,
 Res Italas armis tuteris, moribus ornes,
 Legibus emendes; in ^b publica commoda peccem,
 Si longo sermone morer tua tempora, Caesar.
 * Romulus, et Liber pater, et cum Castore Pollux,
 Post ingentia facta, ^d Deorum in templa recepti,
 Dum terras hominumque colunt genus, aspera bella
 Componunt, agros adsignant, oppida condunt;
 * Ploravere suis non respondere favorem
 Speratum meritis. diram qui contudit Hydram,
 Notaque fatali portenta labore subegit,
 Comperit ^f invidiam supremo fine domari.

Book ii: Epist. i.] The Poet always rises with his original; and very often without. This whole Imitation is extremely noble and sublime.

VER. 7. Edward and Henry, etc.] Romulus, et Liber Pater, etc. Horace very judiciously praises Augustus for the colonies he

EPISTLE I.

TO AUGUSTUS.

While you, great Patron of Mankind! ^a sustain
 The balanc'd World, and open all the Main;
 Your Country, chief, in Arms abroad defend,
 At Home, with Morals, Arts, and Laws amend;

How shall the Muse, from such a Monarch, steal ^b
 An hour, and not defraud the Public Weal?

^c Edward and Henry, now the Boast of Fame,
 And virtuous Alfred, a more ^d sacred Name,

After a Life of gen'rous toils endur'd,
 The Gaul subdu'd, or Property secur'd, ¹⁰

Ambition humbled, mighty cities storm'd,
 Or Laws establish'd, and the world reform'd;

^e Clos'd their long Glories with a sigh, to find
 Th'unwilling Gratitude of base mankind!

All human Virtue, to its latest breath, ¹⁵
^f Finds Envy never conquer'd, but by Death.

founded, not for the victories he had won; and therefore
 compares him, not to those who desolated, but to those who
 civilized mankind. The imitation wants this grace: and,
 for a very obvious reason, should not have aimed at it, as
 he has done in the mention of *Alfred*.

z Urit enim fulgori suo, qui praegravat artes
Infra se positas : extinctus amabitur idem.

^h Praesenti tibi *matros* largimur honores,

ⁱ Jurandasque tuum per numen ponimus aras,

^h Nil oriturum alias, nil cultum tale satentes.

Sed tuus hoc populus sapiens et iustus in uno.

* *Te nostris ducibus, te Grajis anteforendo,*

Caetera nequaquam simili ratione modoque

Aestimatis : et, nisi quae terris femota suisque

Temporibus defuncta videt, fastidit et odit :

¹ Sic fautor *veterum*, et tabulas peccare vetantes

Quas bis quinque viri sanxerunt, foedera regum,

Vel Gabii vel cunctis rigidis aequam Sabinis,

Pontificum libros, annosa volumina Vatum,

VER. 17. *The great Alcides,*] This instance has not the same grace here as in the original, where it comes in well after those of Romulus, Bacchus, Castor, and Pollux, tho' awkwardly after Edward and Henry. But it was for the sake of the beautiful thought in the next line ; which, yet, does not equal the force of his original.

VER. 38. *And beastly Skelton, etc.*] Skelton, Poet Laureat to Henry VIII. a volume of whose verses has been lately re-

The great Alcides, ev'ry Labour past,
Had still this Monster to subdue at last.

§ Sure fate of all, beneath whose rising ray
Each star of meaner merit fades away!
Oppress'd we feel the beam directly beat,
Those Suns of Glory please not till they set.

To thee, the World its present homage pays,
The Harvest early, but mature the praise:

Great Friend of LIBERTY! in King, a Name
Above all Greek, above all Roman Fame:

Whose Word is Truth, as sacred and rever'd,
As Heaven's own Oracles from Altars heard.

Wonder of King! like whom, to mortal eyes
None e'er has risen, and none e'er shall rise.

Just in one instance; be it yet confess

Your People, Sir, are partial in the rest:

Foes to all living worth except your own;

And Advocates for folly dead and gone.

Authors, like coins, grow dear as they grow old;

It is the rust we value, not the gold.

Chaucer's worst ribaldry is learn'd by rote;

And beastly Skelton Heads of houses quote:

One likes no language but the Faery Queen?

A Scot will fight for Christ's Kirk o' the Green: 40

printed, consisting almost wholly of ribaldry, obscenity, and scurrilous language.

VER. 40. *Christ's Kirk o' the Green*; A Ballad made by a King of Scotland.

^m Dictitet Albano Musas in monte locutas.

Si, quia ⁿ Graiorum sunt antiquissima quaeque
Scripta vel optima, Romani pensantur eadem
Scriptores trutina; non est quod multa loquamur:
Nil intra est oleum, nil extra est in nuce duri.

Venimus ad summum fortunae: ^pingimus, atque
^psallimus, et ^pluctamur Achivis doctius unctis.

Si ^q meliora dies, ut vina, poemata reddit;
Scire velim, chartis pretium quotus arroget annus.
Scriptor ab hinc annos centum qui decidit, inter
Perfectos veteresque referri debet, an inter
Viles atque novos? excludat jurgia finis.

Est vetus atque probus, ^r centum qui perficit annos.

Quid? qui deperiit minor uno mense vel anno,

Inter quos referendus erit? ^s veteresne poetas,

An quos et praesens et postera respuat aetas?

Iste quidem veteres inter ponetur ^r honeste,

Qui vel mense brevi, vel toto est junior anno.

Utor permissio, caudaeque pilos ut ^u equinae
Paulatim vello: et demo unum, demo et item unum;

Dum cadat elusus ratione ^w ruentis acervi,

Qui redit in ^x fastos, et virtutem aestimat annis,

Miraturque nihil, nisi quod ^y Libitina sacravit.

VER. 42. *met him at the Devil*]. The Devil Tavern, where
Ben Johnson held his Poetical Club.

And each true Briton is to Ben so civil,

^m He swears the Muses met him at the Devil.

Tho' justly ⁿ Greeee her eldest sons admires,

Why should not We be wiser than our fires?

In ev'ry Publick Virtue we excell:

45

We build, we paint, ^o we sing, we dance as well,

And ^p learned Athens to our art must stoop,

Could she behold us tumbling thro' a hoop.

If ^q Time improve our Wits as well as Wine,

Say at what age a Poet grows divine?

50

Shall we, or shall we not, account him so,

Who dy'd, perhaps, an hundred years ago?

End all dispute; and fix the year precise?

When British bards begin t' immortalize?

" Who lasts a ^r century can have no flaw,

55

" I hold that Wit a Classic, good in law.

Suppose he wants a year, will you compound?

And shall we deem him ^s Ancient, right and sound,

Or damn to all eternity at once,

At ninety nine, a Modern and a Dunce?

60

" We shall not quarrel for a year or two;

" By ^t courtesy of England, he may do.

Then, by the rule that made the ^v Horse-tail bare,

I pluck out year by year, as hair by hair,

And melt ^w down Ancients like a heap of snow:

65

While you, to measure merits, look in ^x Stowe,

And estimating authors by the year,

Bestow a Garland only on a ^y Bier.

² Ennius et sapiens, et fortis, et alter Homerus,
 Ut critici dicunt, leviter curare videtur
 Quo ^a promissa cadant, et somnia Pythagorea.
^b Naevius in manibus non est: at ^c mentibus haeret.
 Pene recens: ^d adeo sanctum est vetus omne poema.
 Ambigitur ^e quoties, uter utro sit prior; aufert
 Pacuvius docti famam senis, Accius alti;
 Dicitur Afrani toga convenisse Menandro;
 Plautus ad exemplar Siculi properare Epicharmi
 Vincere Caecilius gravitate, Terentius arte:
 Hos ediscit, et hos arcto stipata theatro
 Spectat Roma potens; ^f habet hos numeratque poetas
 Ad nostrum tempus, Livi scriptoris ab aevo.
 & Interdum vulgus rectum videt: est ubi peccat.

VER. 69. *Shakespear.*] Shakespear and Ben Johnson may truly be said not much to have thought of this Immortality; the one in many pieces composed in haste for the Stage; the other in his latter works in general, which *Dryden* called his *Parages*.

VER. 74. *The life to come, in ev'ry Poet's Creed.*]

Quo promissa cadant, et somnia Pythagorea.
 The beauty of this arises from a circumstance in Ennius's story. But as this could not be imitated, our Poet endeavoured to equal it; and has succeeded.

VER. 77. *Pindarick Art.*] Which has much more merit than his Epic, but very unlike the Character, as well as Numbers, of Pindar.

VER. 81. *In all debates, etc.*] The Poet has here put the bald cant of women and boys into extreme fine verse. This is in strict imitation of his Original, where the same impertinent and gratuitous criticism is admirably ridiculed.

^z Shakespear (whom you and ev'ry Play-houſe bill
Style the divine, the matchleſs, what you will) 70

For gain, not glory, wing'd his roving flight,
And grew Immortal in his own deſpight.

Ben, old and poor, as little ſeem'd to heed

^a The Life to come, in ev'ry Poet's Creed,
Who now reads ^b Cowley? if he pleaſes yet, 75

His Moral pleaſes, not his pointed wit;

Forgot his Epit, nay Pindaric Art,

But ſtill ^c I love the language of his heart.

“ Yet ſurely, ^e ſurely, theſe were famous men!

“ What boy but hears the ſayings of old Ben? 80

“ In all ^e debates where Critics bear a part.

“ Not one but nods, and talks of Johnson's Art,

“ Of Shakespear's Nature, and of Cowley's Wit;

“ How Beaumont's judgment check'd what Fletcher

“ writ;

“ How Shadwell haſty, Wycherly was ſlow; 84

“ But, for the Paſſions, Southern ſure and Rowe.

“ Theſe, ^f only theſe, ſupport the croud'd ſtage,

“ From eldeſt Heywood down to Cibber's age.

VER. 85. *Shadwell haſty, Wycherly was ſlow.*] Nothing was
leſs true than this particular: But the whole paragraph has a
mixture of Irony, and muſt not altogether be taken for Ho-
race's own Judgment, only the common Chat of the pre-
tenders to Criticiſm; in ſome things right, in others, wrong;
as he tells us in his answer.

Interdum vulgus rectum videt: eſt ubi peccat,

Si ^h veteres ita miratur laudatque poetas,

Ut nihil anteferat, nihil illis comparet; errat;

Si quaedam nimis ^l *antique*, si pleraque ^k *dure*

Dicere cedit eos, ^l *ignave* multa fatetur;

Et sapit, et mecum facit, et Jove judicat aequo,

^m Non equidem insector, *delendaque carmina* Livî

Esse reor, memini quae ⁿ *plagosum* ^o *mibi parva*

Orbilium dictare;

sed emendata videri

Pulchraque, et exactis minimum distantia, miror;

Inter quae ^p *verbum* emicuit si forte decorum,

Si ^q *versus* paulo concinnior unus et alter;

Injuste *tantum* ducit venitque poema.

VER. 91. *Gammer Gurton.*] A piece of very low humour, one of the first printed Plays in English, and therefore much valued by some Antiquaries.

All this may be; & the People's Voice is odd,
 It is, and it is not, the voice of God. 90
 To ^h Gammer Gurton if it give the bays,
 And yet deny the Careless Husband praise,
 Or say our Fathers never broke a rule;
 Why then, I say, the Public is a fool.
 But let them own, that greater Faults than we 95
 They had, and greater Virtues, I'll agree.
 Spenser himself affects the ⁱ Obsolete,
 And Sydney's verse halts ill on ^k Roman feet:
 Milton's strong pinion now not Heav'n can bound.
 Now Serpent-like, in ^l prose he sweeps the ground,
 In Quibbles, Angel and Archangel join, 101
 And God the Father turns a school-divine.
^m Not that I'd lop the Beauties from his book,
 Like ⁿ flashing Bentley with his desp'rate hook,
 Or damn all Shakespear, like th' affected Fool 105
 At court, who hates whate'er he ^o read at school.

But for the Wits of either Charles's days,
 The Mob of Gentlemen who wrote with Ease;
 Sprat, Carew, Sedley, and a hundred more,
 (Like twinkling stars the Miscellanies o'er) 110
 One Simile, that ^p solitary shines
 In the dry desert of a thousand lines,
 Or ^q lengthen'd Thought that gleams through many
 a page,
 Has sanctify'd whole poems for an age.

Indignor quidquam reprehendi, non quia crasse
Compositum, illepidè putetur, sed quia nuper ;
Nec veniam antiquis, sed honorem et præmia posci.

Recte necnè *crocum floresque* perambulet *Attæ*
Fabula, si dubitem ; clamant periisse pudorem
Cuncti pene *patres* : ea cum reprehendere coner,
Quæ ^t *gravis Aesopus*, quæ doctus *Roscins* egit.
Vel quia nil ^u rectum, nisi quod placuit sibi, ducunt ;
Vel quia turpe putant parere minoribus, et, quæ
Imberbi didicere, senes perdenda fateri.

Jam ^w *Saliare Numæ carmen* qui laudat, et illud,
Quod mecum ignorat, solus vult scire videri ;
Ingeniis non ille favet plauditque sepultis,
Nostra sed impugnat, nos nostraque lividus odit.

^x Quod si tam *Graecis novitas* invisa fuisset,
Quam nobis ; quid nunc esset vetus ! aut quid ha-
beret,

Quod legeret tereretque viritim publicus usus ?

VER. 119. *On Avon's bank, J.* At Stratford in Warwickshire, where Shakespear had his birth. The thought of the Original is here infinitely improved. *Perambulet* is a low allusion to the name and imperfections of *Atta*.

' I lose my patience, and I own it too, 115
 When works are censur'd, not as bad but new ?
 While if our Elders break all reason's laws,
 These fools demand not pardon, but Applause.

' On Avon's bank, where flow'rs eternal blow,
 If I but ask, if any weed can grow ? 120
 One Tragic sentence if I dare decide,
 Which ' Betterton's grave action dignify'd,
 Or well-mouth'd Booth with emphasis proclaims.
 (Tho' but, perhaps, a muster-roll of Names)
 How will our Fathers rise up in a rage, 125
 And swear, all shame is lost in George's Age !
 You'd think " no Fools disgrace'd the former reign,
 Did not some grave Examples yet remain,
 Who scorn a Lad should teach his father's skill,
 And, having once been wrong, will be so still. 130
 He, who to seem more deep than you or I,
 Extols old Bards, " or Merlin's Prophecy,
 Mistake him not ; he envies not admires,
 And to debase the Sons, exalts the Sires.
 * Had ancient times conspir'd to disallow 135
 What then was new, what had been ancient now ?

VER. 124. *A muster-roll of Names.*] An absurd custom of several Actors, to pronounce with emphasis the meer Proper Names of Greeks or Romans, which (as they call it) fill the mouth of the Player.

VER. 129—130.] Inferior to the original : as VER. 133—4: exc.] it.

7 Ut primum positis nugari Graecia bellis

Coepit, et in vitium fortuna labier aequa;

Nunc athletarum studiis, nunc arsit ^a equorum

^a Marmoris aut eboris fabros aut aeris amavit;

Suspendit ^b picta vultum mentemque tabella:

Nunc ^c tibicinibus, nunc est gavisa tragoedis:

^d Sub nutrice puella velut si luderet infans,

Quod cupide petiit, mature plena reliquit.

Quid placet, aut odio est, quod non mutabile credas?

Hoc paces habuere bonae, ventique secundi.

VER. 142. A verse of the Lord Lansdown.

VER. 143. In *Horsemanship* i' excel, — And ev'ry flow'ry
Courtier writ Romance.] The Duke of Newcastle's Book of
Horsemanship: the Romance of *Partbenissa*, by the Earl of
Orrery, and most of the French Romances translated by Per-
sons of Quality.

VER. 149. Lely on animated Canvas stole.—The Sleepy Eye, etc.]

Or what remain'd, so worthy to be read
By learned Critics, of the mighty Dead?

ⁱ In Days of Ease, when now the weary Sword
Was sheath'd, and *Luxury* with *Charles* restor'd; 140
In ev'ry taste of foreign Courts improv'd,
" All, by the King's Example, liv'd and lov'd."

Then Peers grew proud in ^a Horsemanship t' excell,
Newmarket's Glory rose, as Britain's fell;

The Soldier breath'd the Gallantries of France, 145
And ev'ry flow'ry Courtier writ Romance.

Then ^a Marble, soften'd into life, grew warm,
And yielding Metal flow'd to human form!

Lely on ^b animated Canvas stole
The sleepy Eye, that spoke the melting soul. 150

No wonder then, when all was Love and sport,
The willing Muses were debauch'd at Court:

On ^c each enervate string they taught the note
To pant, or tremble thro' a Eunuch's throat.

But ^d Britain, changeful as a Child at play, 155
Now calls in Princes, and now turns away.

Now Whig, now Tory, what we lov'd we hate;
Now all for Pleasure, now for Church and State;

Now for Prerogative, and now for Laws;
Effects unhappy! from a Noble Cause. 160

This was the Characteristic of this excellent Colourist's expression; who was an excessive Manierist.

VER. 153. *On each enervate string, etc.*] The Siege of Rhodes by Sir William Davenant, the first Opera sung in England.

Romæ dulce dñi fuit et solemne, reclusa
 Mane domo vigilare, clienti promere jura ;
 Scriptos ^f nominibus rectis expendere nummos ;
 † Majores audire, minori dicere, per quo
 Crescere res posset, minui damnosa libido.
 Mutavit mentem populus levis, [¶] et calet uno
 Scribendi studio : puerique patresque severi
 Fronde comas vincti coenant, et carmina dictant.
 Ipse ego, qui nullo me assurgio scribere versus,
 Invenior ⁱ Parthis mendacior ; et prius orto
 Sole vigil, calamus et chartas et scrinia posco.
 * Navem agere ignarus navis timet : abrotonum agro
 Non audet, nisi qui didicit, dare : quod medicorum est.
 Promittunt ⁱ medici : tractant fabrilia fabri :

VER. 181. *He serv'd, &c.*] To the simple elegance of the original, the Poet has here added great spirit and vivacity, without departing from the fidelity of a translation.

• Time was, a sober Englishman would knock
 His servants up, and rise by five o'clock,
 Instruct his Family in ev'ry rule,
 And send his Wife to church, his Son to School,
 To f worship like his Fathers, was his care; 165
 To teach their frugal Virtues to his Heir;
 To prove, that Luxury could never hold;
 And place, on good & Security, his Gold.
 Now times are chang'd, and one ^h Poetic Itch
 Has seiz'd the Court and City, poor and rich: 170
 Sons, Sires, and Grandfires, all will wear the bays,
 Our Wives read Milton, and our Daughters Plays,
 To theatres, and to Rehearsals throng,
 And all our Grace at table is a Song,
 I, who so oft renounce the Muses, ⁱ lye, 175
 Not—'s self e'er tells more *Fibs* than I;
 When sick of Muse, our follies we deplore,
 And promise our best Friends to rhyme no more;
 We wake next morning in a raging fit,
 And call for pen and ink to show our Wit. 180

^k He serv'd a 'Prenticeship, who sets up shop;
 Ward try'd on Puppies, and the Poor, his Drop;
 Ev'n ^l Radcliff's Doctors travel first to France,
 Nor dare to practise till they've learned to dance.

VER. 182. *Word*] A famous Empiric, whose Pill and
 Drop had several surprising Effects, and were one of the
 principal subjects of writing and conversation at this time.

^m Scribimus indocti doctique poemata passim.

ⁿ Hic error tamen et levis hæc insania, quantas
Virtutes habeat, sic collige: vatis ^a *avarus*
Non temere est animus: ^p *versus amat, hoc studet*

unum;

Detrimenta, ^a *fugas fervorum, incendia ridet;*
Non ^t *fraudem socio, puerove incogitat ullam*

Pupill; vivit filiquis, et pane secundo ^a;

^t Militiæ quanquam piger et malus, *utilis urbi;*

Si das hoc, parvis quoque rebus magna juvari;

^u Os tenerum pueri balbumque poeta figurat:

VER. 201. *Of little use, etc.*] There is a poignancy in the following verses, which the original did not aim at, nor affect.

VER. 404. *And (tho' no Soldier)*] Horace had not acquitted himself much to his credit in this capacity (*non bene relicta par-mula*) in the battle of Philippi. It is manifest he alludes to himself, in this whole account of a Poet's character; but with an intermixture of irony: *Vivit filiquis et pane secundo* has a relation to his Epicurism; *Os tenerum pueri*, is ridicule: The

Who builds a Bridge that never drove a pile? 185
(Should Ripley venture, all the world would smile)

But ^m those who cannot write, and those who can,
All rhyme, and scrawl, and scribble, to a man.

Yet, Sir, ⁿ reflect, the mischief is not great;
These Madmen never hurt the Church or State: 190
Sometimes the Folly benefits mankind;
And rarely ^o Av'rice taints the tuneful mind.

Allow him but his ^p plaything of a Pen,
He ne'er rebels, or plots, like other men:

^q Flight of Cashiers, or Mobs, he'll never mind; 195
And knows no losses while the Muse is kind.

To ^r cheat a Friend, or Ward, he leaves to Peter;

The good man heaps up nothing but mere metre,
Enjoys his Garden and his book in quiet;

And then—a perfect Hermit in his ^s diet. 200

Of little use the Man you may suppose,
Who says in verse what others say in prose;

Yet let me show, a Poet's of some weight,

And (^t tho' no Soldier) useful to the State.

^u What will a Child learn sooner than a song? 205

What better teach a Foreigner the tongue?

nobler office of a Poet follows: *Torquet ab obscenis. Mox etiam
gestus* --- *Rese facta refert*, etc. which the Imitator has apply'd
where he thinks it more due than to himself. He hopes to
be pardoned, if, as as he is sincerely inclined to praise what
deserves to be praised, he arraigns what deserves to be ar-
raigned, in the 210, 211, and 212th Verses.

Torquet ^w ab *ol'scenis* jam nunc sermonibus aurem;

Mox etiam pectus præceptis format amicis,

Asperitatis, et invidiæ corrector, et iræ;

Recte facta refert; ^x *orientia* tempora notis

Instruit exemplis; ^y *inopem* solatur et ægrum.

VER. 213. *Unhappy Dryden*.—In all Charles's days—Roscommon only boasts unspotted bays;] The sudden stop after mentioning the name of Dryden has a great beauty.¹ The Poet's tenderness for his master is expressed in the second line by making his case general; and his honour for him, in the first line, by making his case particular, as the only one that deserved pity.

VER. 226. *the Idiot and the Poor*.] A foundation for the maintenance of Idiots, and a Fund for assisting the Poor, by lending small sums of money on demand.

VER. 229. *Not but there are, etc.*] Nothing can be more truly humorous or witty than all that follows to ver. 240. Yet the noble sobriety of the original, or, at least, the appearance of sobriety, which is the same thing here, is of a taste vastly superior to it.

What's long or short, each accent where to place,
 And speak in public with some sort of grace.
 I scarce can think him such a worthless thing,
 Unless he praise some Monster of a King ; 210
 Or Virtue, or Religion turn to sport,
 To please a lewd, or unbelieving Court.
 Unhappy Dryden !—In all Charles's days,
 Roscommon only boasts unspotted bays ;
 And in our own (excuse some Courtly stains) 215
 No whiter page than Addison remains.
 He, w from the taste obscene reclaims our youth,
 And sets the Passions on the side of Truth,
 Forms the soft bosom with the gentlest art,
 And pours each human Virtue in the heart. 220
 Let Ireland tell, how Wit upheld her cause,
 Her Trade supported, and supplied her Laws ;
 And leave on Swift this grateful verse engrav'd,
 " The Rights a Court attack'd, a Poet sav'd."
 Behold the hand that wrought a Nation's cure, 225
 Stretch'd to * relieve the Idiot and the Poor,
 Proud Vice to brand, or injur'd Worth adorn,
 And y stretch the Ray to ages yet unborn.
 Not but there are, who merit other palms ;
 Hopkins and Sternhold glad the heart with Psalms :

VER. 230. Sternhold.] One of the versifiers of the old singing psalms. He was a Courtier, and Groom of the Robes to Hen. VIII. and of the Bedchamber to Edward VI. Fuller, in his *Church History*, says he was esteem'd an excellent Poet.

Castis cum ^a pueris ignara puella mariti
 Disceret unde ^b preces, vatem ni Musa dedisset?
 Poscit opem chorus, et ^c praesentia numina sentit;
 Coelestes implorat aquas, docta prece blandus;
 Avertit morbos, ^c metuenda pericula pellit;
 Impetrat et ^d pacem, et locupletem frugibus annum.
^d Carmine Dî superi placantur, carmine Manes.
^e Agricolae prisci, fortes, parvoque beati,
 Condita post frumenta, levantes tempore festo
 Corpus et ipsum animum spe finis dura ferentem,
 Cum sociis operum pueris et conjuge fida,
 Tellurem porco, Silvanum lacte piabant,
 Floribus et vino Genium memorem brevis aevi.
 Fescennina per hunc inventa licentia morem
 f Versibus alternis opprobria rustica fudit;
 Libertasque recurrentes acceptas per annos
 Lufit amabiliter: ^e donec jam saevus apertam
 In rabiem coepit verti locus, et per honestas
 Ire domos impune minax, coluere cruento
 Dente laceffiti: fuit intactis quoque cura

VER. 247. *Our rural Ancestors, &c.* This is almost literal;
 and shows, that the beauty and spirit, so much admired in these

The ^a Boys and Girls whom charity maintains, 231
 Implore your help in these pathetic strains :
 How could Devotion ^b touch the country pews,
 Unless the Gods bestow'd a proper Muse? 234
 Verse cheers their leisure, Verse assists their work,
 Verse prays for Peace, or sings down ^c Pope and Turk.
 The silenc'd Preacher yields to potent strain,
 And feels that grace his pray'r besought in vain ;
 The blessing thrills thro' all the lab'ring throng,
 And ^d Heav'n is won by Violence of Song. 240

Our ^e rural Ancestors, with little blest,
 Patient of labour when the end was rest,
 Indulg'd the day that hous'd their annual grain,
 With feasts, and off'rings, and a thankful strain :
 The joy their wives, their sons, and servants share,
 Ease of their toil, and part'ners of their care : 246
 The laugh, the jest, attendants on the bowl,
 Smooth'd ev'ry brow, and open'd ev'ry soul:
 With growing years the pleasing Licence grew,
 And ^f Taunts alternate innocently flew. 250
 But Times corrupt, and ^g Nature, ill-inclin'd,
 Produc'd the point that left a sting behind ;
 Till friend with friend, and families at strife,
 Triumphant Malice rag'd thro' private life.
 Who felt the wrong, or fear'd it, took th' alarm,
 Appeal'd to Law, and Justice lent her arm. 256

Poems, owe less to the liberty of imitating, than to the superior genius of the imitator.

Conditione super communi : ^h quin etiam lex
 Poenaeque lata, malo quae nollet carmine quemquam
 Describi. vertere modum, formidine fastis
 Ad ^l bene dicendum, *delectandumque* redacti.

^k Graecia capta ferum victorem cepit, et artes
 Intulit agresti Latio. sic horridus ille
 Defluxit ^l numerus Saturnius, et grave virus
 Munditiae pepulere : sed in longum tamen aevum
 Manserunt, hodieque manent, ^m *vestigia ruris*.
 Serus enim Graecis admovit acumina chartis ;
 Et post ⁿ *Punica bella* quietus quaerere coepit,
 Quid ^o Sophocles et Thespis et Aeschylus utile fer-
 rent :

VER. 259. *Most warp'd to Flattery's side, etc.*] These two lines (notwithstanding the reference) are an addition to the Original. They seemed necessary to compleat the History of the rise and progress of Wit ; and, if attended to, will be seen to make much for the argument the Poet is upon, *viz.* the recommendation of Poetry to the protection of the Magistrate. And is, therefore, what Horace would have chosen to say, had he reflected on it.

VER. 263. *We conquer'd France, etc.*] The instance the Poet here gives, to answer that in the Original, is not so happy. However, it might be said with truth, that our Intrigues on the Continent brought us acquainted with the Provincial Poets, and produced Chaucer. I, only, wonder, when he had such an

At length, by wholesome ^h dread of statutes bound,
 The Poets learn'd to please, and not to wound ;
 Most warp'd to ^l Flatt'ry's side ; but some, more nice,
 Preserv'd the freedom, and forbore the vice. 260
 Hence Satire rose, that just the medium hit,
 And heals with morals what it hurts with Wit.

^k We conquer'd France, but felt our Captive's
 charms ;

Her Arts victorious triumph'd o'er our Arms ;
 Britain to soft refinements less a foe, 265

Wit grew polite, and ^l Numbers learn'd to flow.

Waller was smooth ; but Dryden taught to join

The varying verse, the full-resounding line,

The long majestic March, and Energy divine.

Tho' still some traces of our ^m rustic vein 270

And splay-foot verse remain'd, and will remain,

Late, very late, correctness grew our care,

When the tir'd Nation ⁿ breath'd from civil war,

Exact ^o Racine, and Corneille's noble fire,

Show'd us that France had something to admire. 275

example before him, of a Bard who so greatly polish'd the rusticity of his age, he did not use it to paraphrase the sense of

Defluxit numerus Saturnius, et grave virus

Munditiæ pepulere :

VER. 267. *Waller was smooth ;*] Mr. Waller, about this time, with the Earl of Dorset, Mr. Godolphin, and others, translated the Pompey of Corneille ; and the more correct French Poets began to be in reputation.

Tentavit quoque rem, si digne vertere posset ;
 Et placuit sibi, natura sublimis et acer :
 Nam & spirat tragicum satis, et feliciter audet :
 Sed turpem putat inscite metuitque *lituram*.

Creditur, ex *medio* quia res arcessit, habere
 Sudoris minimum ; sed habet *Comoedia* tanto
 Plus oneris, quanto veniae minus. aspice, Plautus
 Quo pacto *partes* tutetur amantis ephebi,
 Ut patris attenti, lenonis ut infidiosi :
 Quantus sit Dossennus *edacibus in parasitis* ;
 Quam *non astricto* percurrat pulpita *socco*.
 Gestit enim *nummum* in loculos demittere ; post hoc
 Securus, cadat an recto stet fabula talo.

Quem tulit ad scenam *ventoso gloria curru*,
 Exanimat lentus spectator, sedulus inflat :
 Sic leve, sic parvum est, animum quod laudis avarum

VER. 290. *Astrea*,] A Name taken by Mrs. Behn, Author.
 of several obscene Plays, etc.

Ibid. *The stage how loosely does Astrea tread*,] The fine meta-
 phor of *non astricto*, greatly improved by the happy ambiguity
 of the word *loosely*.

VER. 296. *O you ? whom Vanity's light bark conveys*,] The
 metaphor is fine, but inferior to the Original, in many respects,
ventoso gloria curru,

has a happy air of ridicule heightened by its allusion to the
 Roman Triumph. It has a great beauty too, taken in a more se-
 rious light, as representing the Poet a *Slave to Fame or Glory*,

Quem tulit ad scenam. -- *Gloria*.
 as was the custom in their triumphs. In other respects the

Not but the ^p Tragic spirit was our own,
 And full in Shakespear, fair in Otway shone :
 But Otway fail'd to polish or refine,
 And ^a fluent Shakespear scarce effac'd a line.

Ev'n copious Dryden wanted, or forgot, 280

The last and greatest Art, the Art to blot.

Some doubt, if equal pains, or equal fire

The ^r humbler Muse of Comedy require.

But in known Images of life, I guess

The labour greater, as th' indulgence less ^s. 285

Observe how seldom ev'n the best succeed :

Tell me if ^t Congreve's Fools are Fools indeed ?

What pert, low Dialogue has Farqu'ar writ !

How Van wants grace, who never wanted wit !

The stage how ^u loosely does Astræa tread, 290

Who fairly puts all Characters to bed !

And idle Cibber, how he breaks the laws,

To make poor Pinky ^w eat with a vast applause !

But fill their ^x purse, our Poet's work is done,]

Alike to them, by Pathos or by Pun. 295

O you ! whom ^y Vanity's light bark conveys

On Fame's mad voyage by the wind of praise.

With what a shifting gale your course you ply,

For ever sunk too low, or born too high !

Imitation has the preference. It is more just. For a Poet
 makes his first entrance on the stage, not immediately, to
 Triumph, but to try his Fortune. However,

Who pants for Glory, etc.

is much superior to the Original.

Subruit, ac reficit : ^a valeat res ludicra, si me
 Palma negata macrum, donata reducit opimum.
^a Saepe etiam audacem fugat hoc terretque poetam
 Quod numero plures, virtute et honore minores
 Indocti, stolidique, et ^b depugnare parati
 Si discordet eques, media inter carmina poscunt
 Aut ^c *ursum* aut *pugiles* : his nam plebecula gaudet.
 Verum ^d *equitis* quoque jam migravit ab *aure* voluptas
 Omnis, ad *incertos oculos*, et gaudia vana.
 Quatuor aut plures aulaea premuntur in horas ;
 Dum fugiunt ^e *equitum* turmae, peditumque catervae :
 Mox trahitur manibus *regum* fortuna retortis ;
 Effeda festinant, pilenta, petorrita, naves ;
 Captivum portatur ebur, captiva Corinthus.

VER. 319. *Old Edward's Armour beams on Cibber's breast.*] The Coronation of Henry VIII. and Queen Anne Boleyn, in which the Playhouses vied with each other to represent all the pomp of a Coronation. In this noble contention, the Armour of one of the Kings of England was borrowed from the Tower, to dress the Champion.

Who pants for glory finds but short repose, 300

A breath revives him, or a breath o'erthrows.

^z Farewell the stage! if just as thrives the play,

The silly bard grows fat, or falls away.

^a There still remains, to mortify a Wit,

The many-headed Monster of the Pit: 305

A senseless, worthless, and unhonour'd croud;

Who, ^b to disturb their betters mightily proud,

Clatt'ring their sticks before ten lines are spoke,

Call for the Farce, ^c the Bear, or the Black-joke,

What dear delight to Britons Farce affords! 310

Ever the taste of Mobs, but now ^d of Lords;

(Taste; that eternal wanderer, which flies

From heads to ears, and now from ears to eyes.)

The Play stands still; damn action and discourse,

Back fly the scenes, and enter foot ^e and horse; 315

Pageants on pageants, in long order drawn,

Peers, Heralds, Bishops, Ermin, Gold and Lawn:

The Champion too! and, to complete the jest,

Old Edward's Armour beams on Cibber's breast.

[Ibid. *Old Edward's Armour, etc.*] Descriptive poetry is the lowest work of a Genius. Therefore when Mr. Pope employs himself in it, he never fails, as here, to ennoble it with some stroke or other.

† Si foret in terris, rideret Democritus ; seu
 Diversum confusa genus panthera camelo,
 Sive ‡ *elephas albus* vulgi converteret ora,
 Spectaret *populum* ludis attentius ipsis,
 Ut sibi praeberentem mimo spectacula plura :
 Scriptores autem ^h narrare putaret *afello*
Fabellam furdo. nam quae ^l pervincere voces
 Evaluere sonum, referunt quem nostra theatra ?
 * *Garganum mugire* putes *nemus*, aut *mare Tuscum*.
 Tanto cum strepitu ludi spectantur, et artes.
 † *Divitiaeque peregrinae* : quibus ^m oblitus actor
 Cum stetit in scena, concurrat dextera laevae.
 Dixit adhuc aliquid ? nil sane. Quid placet ergo ?
 † Lana Tarentino violas imitata veneno.
 Ac ne forte putes me, quae facere ipse recusem,
 Cum recte tractent alii, laudare maligne ;
 Ille per extertum funem mihi posse videtur
 Ire poeta ; ° meum qui pectus inaniter angit.

VER. 328. *Orlas' stormy steep.*] The farthest Northern Promontory of Scotland, opposite to the Orkades.

With ^f laughter sure Democritus had dy'd. 329
Had he beheld an Audience gape so wide.
Let Bear or ^g Elephant be e'er so white,
The people, sure, the people are the fight!
Ah luckless ^h Poet! stretch thy lungs and roar,
That Bear or Elephant shall heed thee more; 325
While all its ⁱ throats the gallery extends,
And all the Thunder of the Pit ascends!
Loud as the Wolves, on ^k Orcas' stormy steep,
Howl to the roarings of the Northern deep.
Such is the shout, the long-applauding note, 330
At Quin's high plume, or Oldfield's ^l petticoat;
Or when from Court a birth-day suit bestow'd,
Sinks the ^m lost Actor in the tawdry load.
Booth enters—hark! the Universal peal!
“ But has he spoken ?” Not a syllable. 335
What shook the stage, and made the people stare?
ⁿ Cato's long wig, flow'r'd gown, and lacquer'd chair.
Yet lest you think I railly more than teach,
Or praise malignly Arts I cannot reach,
Let me for once presume t'instruct the times, 340
To know the Poet from the man of rhymes:
'Tis he, ^o who gives my breast a thousand pains,
Can make me feel each Passion that he feigns;

Irritat, mulcet, falsis terroribus implet,
 Ut magus ; et modo me Thebis, modo ponit Athenis.

P Verum age, et his, qui se *lector*i credere malunt,
 Quam *spectatoris* fastidia ferre superbi,
 Curam impende brevem : si ^q munus Apolline dignum
 Vis *complere libris* ; et vatibus addere calcar,
 Ut studio majore petant Helicon virentem.

▪ Multa quidem nobis facimus mala saepe poetae,
 (Ut vineta egomet caedam mea) cum tibi librum
 ▪ *Sollicito* damus, aut *fesso* : cum laedimur, ▪ *unum*
 Si quis *amicorum* est ausus reprehendere *versum* :
 Cum loca jam ^u recitati revolvimus *irrevocati* :
 Cum ^u lamentamur non *opparere* labores
 Nostros, et *tenui* deducta poemata *filo* ;

VER. 354. a Library] *Munus Apolline dignum.* The Palatine Library then building by Augustus.

Inrage, compose, with more than magic Art,
With Pity, and with Terror, tear my heart ; 345
And snatch me, o'er the earth, or thro' the air,
To Thebes, to Athens, when he will, and where.

P But not this part of the Poetic state
Alone, deserves the favour of the Great :
Think of those Authors, Sir, who would rely 350
More on a Reader's sense, than Gazer's eye.
Or who shall wander where the Muses sing ?
Who climb their mountain, or who taste their spring ?
How shall we fill a Library with Wit,
When Merlin's Cave is half unfurnish'd yet ? 355
My Liege ! why Writers little claim your thought,
I guess ; and, with their leave, will tell the fault :
We ^r Poets are (upon a Poet's word)
Of all mankind, the creatures most absurd :
The ^s season, when to come, and when to go, 360
To sing, or cease to sing, we never know ;
And if we will recite nine hours in ten,
You lose your patience, just like other men.
Then too we hurt ourselves when to defend
A ^t single verse, we quarrel with a friend ; 365
Repeat ^u unask'd ; lament, the ^w Wit's too fine
For vulgar eyes, and point out ev'ry line.
But most, when straining with too weak a wing,
We needs will write Epistles to the King ;

VER. 355. *Merlin's Cave*] A Building in the Royal Gardens of
Richmond, where is a small, but choice Collection of Books.

Cum ^x speramus eo rem venturam, ut, simul atque
Carmina rescioris nos fingere, commodas ultro
Arceffas, et egere vetes, et scribere cogas.

Sed tamen est ^r *operae precium* cognoscere, quales
 Aedituos habeat belli spectata domique
 Virtus, ^s *indigno* non committenda poetar.

^a Gratus Alexandro regi Magno fuit ille
 Choerilus, incultis qui versibus & male natis
 Rettulit acceptos, regale numisma, Philippos.
 Sed veluti tractata notam labemque remittunt
 Atramenta, fere scriptores carmine foedo
 Splendida facta linunt. idem rex ille, poema
 Qui tam ridiculum tam care prodigus emit,
 Edicto vetuit, ne quis *se* praeter Apellem
 Pingeret, aut alius Lysippo duceret aera
 Fortis ^b *Alexandri* *virtutem* simulantia. quod si
 Judicium subtile videndis artibus illud
 Ad libros et ad haec Musarum dona vocares ;
^c Boeotum in crasso jurares aere natum.

[*At neque dedecorant tua de se iudicia, atque*
Munera, quae multa dantis cum laude tulerunt,
Dilecti tibi Virgilius Variusque poetas ;]

Nec magis expressi ^d vultus per aeneas signa,
 Quam per vatis opus mores animique virorum
 Clarorum apparent. nec sermones ego mallem
 Repentes per humum, ^e quam *res* componere *gestas*,
 Terrarumque ^f situs et flumina dicere, et arces

And ^x from the moment we oblige the town, 370
 Expect a place, or pension from the Crown;
 Or dubb'd Historians by exprefs command,
 T' enroll your triumphs o'er the seas and land,
 Be call'd to Court to plan some work divine,
 As once for Louis, Boileau and Racine. 375

Yet ^y think, great Sir! (so many Virtues shown)
 Ah think, what Poet best may make them known?
 Or chuse at least some Minister of Grace,
 Fit to bestow the ^z Laureat's weighty place.

^a Charles, to late times to be transmitted fair,
 Assign'd his figure to Bernini's care; 381

And great ^b Naffau to Kneller's hand decreed
 To fix him graceful on the bounding Steed;
 So well in paint and stone they judg'd of merit:
 But Kings in Wit may want discerning Spirit. 385

The Hero William, and the Martyr Charles,
 One knighted Blackmore, and one pension'd Quarles;
 Which made old Ben, and surly Dennis swear,
 "No Lord's anointed, but a ^c Russian Bear."

Not with such ^d majesty, such bold relief, 390
 The Forms august, of King, or conqu'ring Chief,
 E'er swell'd on marble; as in verse have shin'd
 (In polish'd verse) the Manners and the Mind.

Oh! could I mount on the Mæonian wing, 394
 Your ^e Arms, your Actions, your Repose to sing!
 What ^f seas you travers'd, and what fields you fought!
 Your Country's Peace, how oft, how dearly bought!

Montibus impositas, et ^g *barbara regna*, tuisque
 Auspiciis totum ^h *confecta duella* per orbem,
 Claustraque ^h *custodem pacis* cohibentia Janum,
 Et ^l *formidatam Parthis*; te principe, Romam :
 Si quantum cuperem, possem quòque. sed neque par-
 vum

^k *Carmen majestas* recipit tua ; nec meus audet
 Rem tentare pudor, quam vires ferre recusent
 Sedulitas autem ^l *stulte*, quem *diligit*, urget ;
 Praecipue cum se *numeris* commendat et arte.
 Discit enim citius, meminitque libentius illud
 Quod quis ^m *deridet*, quam quod *probat* et *veneratur*.
 Nil moror ⁿ *officium*, quod me gravat : ac neque *fictio*

VER. 465. *And I'm not us'd to Panegyric strains ;*] Arch-
 bishop Tillotson hath said, " That satire and invective were
 " the easiest kind of wit, because almost any degree of it
 " will serve to abuse and find fault. For wit (says he) is a
 " keen instrument, and every one can cut and gash with it.
 " But to carve a beautiful image and polish it, requires great
 " art and dexterity. To praise any thing well, is an ar-
 " gument of much more wit than to abuse : a little wit,
 " and a great deal of ill-nature, will furnish a man for sa-
 " tire, but the greatest instance of wit is to commend well."
 Thus far this candid Prelate. And I, in my turn, might as
 well say, that Satire was the most difficult, and Panegyrics

How ^s barb'rous rage subſided at your word,
 And Nations wonder'd while they drop'd the ſword !
 How, when you nodded, o'er the land and deep, 400
ⁿ Peace ſtole her wing, and wrapt the world in ſleep ;
 'Till earth's extremes your mediation own,
 And ⁱ Aſia's Tyrants tremble at your Throne—
 But ^k Verſe, alas ! your Maſteſty diſdains ;
 And I'm not us'd to Panegyric ſtrains :

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The Zeal of ⁱ Fools offends at any time,
 But moſt of all, the Zeal of Fools in rhyme,
 Beſides, a fate attends on all I write,
 That when I aim at praiſe, they ſay ^m I bite.
 A vile ⁿ Encomium doubly ridicules : 410
 There's nothing blackens like the ink of fools.

the moſt eaſy thing in nature ; for that any barber-ſurgeon can curl and ſhawe, and give coſmetic waſhes for the ſkin ; but it requires the abilities of an Anatomist to diſſect and lay open the whole interior of the human frame. But the truth is, theſe ſimilitudes prove nothing, but the good fancy, or the ill judgment of the uſer. The one is juſt as eaſy to do ill, and as difficult to do well as the other. In our Author's *Eſſay on the Characters of Men*, the Encomium on Lord Cobham, and the ſatire on Lord Wharton, are the equal efforts of the ſame great genius. There is one advantage indeed in Satire over Panegyric, which every body has taken notice of, that it is more readily received ; but this does not ſhew that it is more eaſily written.

*In ° pejus vultu proponi cereus usquam,
 Nec prave factis decorari verbis opto :
 Ne ^p rubeam pingui donatus munere, et una
 Cum ^q scriptore meo capsâ porrectus aperta,
 Deferar in vicum vendentem thus et odores,
 Et piper, et quicquid chartis amicitur ineptis.*

If true, a ° woful likenefs ; and if lyes,
“ Praise undeserv’d is scandal in disguise :”
Well may he P blush, who gives it, or receives ;
And when I flatter, let my dirty leaves 415
(Like 9 Journals, Odes, and such forgotten things
As Eusden, Philip, Settle, writ of Kings)
Cloath spice, line trunks, or flutt’ring in a row,
Befringe the rails of Bedlam and Soho.

...a woful licence: and if lives
...is learned in diligence
Well may he be a blain, who gives it, or receives
And when I flatter, let my only leaves
Like Journals, Notes, and such forgotten things
Be left behind, as Bedlam, Philip, Selby, with all Kings
And such like, fine tricks, or flouting in a row
...the rails of Bedlam and Soho.

THE
SECOND EPISTLE
OF THE
SECOND BOOK
OF
HORACE.

Ludentis speciem dabit, et torquebitur. HOR.

EPISTOLA II.

FLORE, bono claroque fidelis amice Neroni,
 Si quis forte velit puerum tibi vendere natum
 Tibure vel Gabiis, et tecum sic agat : “ Hic et
 “ Candidus, et talos a vertice pulcher ad imos,
 “ Fiet eritque tuus ~~nummorum~~ millibus octo ;
 “ Verna ministeriis ad nutus aptus heriles ;
 “ Litterulis Græcis imbutus, idoneus arti
 “ Cuilibet : argilla quidvis imitaberis uda :
 “ Quin etiam canet indoctum, sed dulce bibenti.
 “ Multa fidem promissa levant, ubi plenius aequo
 “ Laudat venales, qui vult extrudere, merces.
 “ Res urget me nulla : meo sum pauper in aere.
 “ Nemo hoc mangonum faceret tibi : non temere a
 me
 “ Quivis ferret idem : semel hic cessavit, et (ut fit)
 “ In scalis latuit metuens pendentis habenae :
 “ Des nummos, excepta nihil te si fuga laedit.
 “ Ille ferat pretium, poenas securus, opinor.
 Prudens emisisti vitiosum : dicta tibi est lex.
 Insequeris tamen hunc, et lite moraris iniqua.

VER. 4. *This Lad, Sir, is of Blois :]* A Town in Beauce, where the French tongue is spoken in great purity.

EPISTLE II.

DEAR Col'n^{el}, COBHAM's and your country's
Friend!

You love a Verse, take such as I can send.

^b A Frenchman comes, presents you with his Boy,
Bows and begins—"This Lad, Sir, is of Blois:

"Observe his shape how clean! his locks how curl'd!

"My only son, I'd have him see the world:

"His French is pure; his Voice too—you shall hear.

"Sir, he's your slave, for twenty pound a year.

"Mere wax as yet, you fashion him with ease,

"Your Barber, Cook, Upholst'r^{er}, what you please:

"A perfect genius at an Op'ra-song—

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"To say too much, might do my honour wrong.

"Take him with all his virtues, on my word;

"His whole ambition was to serve a Lord:

"But, Sir, to you, with what I would not part?

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"Tho' faith, I fear, 'twill break his Mother's heart.

"Once (and but once) I caught him in a lye,

"And then, unwhipp'd, he had the grace to cry:

"The fault he has I fairly shall reveal,

"(Could you o'erlook but that) it is to steal.

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If, after this, you took the graceless lad

Could you complain, my Friend, he prov'd so bad?

^d Dixi me pigrum proficiscenti tibi, dixi
Talibus officiis prope mancum : ne mea faevus
Jurgares ad te quod epistola nulla veniret.
Quid tum profeci, mecum facientia jura
Si tamen attentas ? quæreris super hoc etiam, quod
Expectata tibi non mittam carmina mendax.

^e Luculli miles collecta viatica multis
Aerumnis, lassus dum noctu stertit, ad assem
Perdiderat : host hoc vehemens lupus, et sibi et hosti
Iratus pariter, jejunis dentibus acer,
Praesidium regale loco dejecit, ut aiunt,
Summe munito, et multarum divite rerum,
Clarus ob id factum, donis ornatur honestis,
Accipit et bis dena super sestertia nummum.
Forte sub hoc tempus *castellum* evêrttere praetor
Nescio quod cupiens, hortari coepit eundem
Verbis, quæ timido quoque possent addere mentem ;
I, bone, quo virtus tua te vocat : i pede fausto,
Grandia laturus meritorum praemia : quid stas ?

VER. 24. *I think Sir Godfrey*] An eminent Justice of
Peace, who decided much in the manner of Sancho Pancha.
-----Sir Godfrey Kneller.

VER. 33. *In Anna's Wars, etc.*] Many parts of this story are
well told ; but, on the whole, it is much inferior to the ori-
ginal.

VER. 37. *This put the man, etc.*] Greatly below the Original,
Post hoc vehemens lupus, et sibi et hosti
Iratus pariter, jejunis dentibus acer.
The last words are particularly elegant and humorous.

Faith, in such case, if you should prosecute,
 I think Sir Godfrey should decide the suit;
 Who sent the Thief that stole the Cash, away, 25
 And punish'd him that put it in his way.

^d Consider then, and judge me in this light;
 I told you when I went, I could not write;
 You said the same; and are you discontent
 With laws to which you gave your own assent? 30
 Nay worse, to ask for Verse at such a time!
 D'ye think me good for nothing but to rhyme?

^e In ANNA'S Wars, a Soldier poor and old
 Had dearly earn'd a little purse of gold:
 Tir'd with a tedious march, one luckless night, 35
 He slept, poor dog! and lost it, to a doit.
 This put the man in such a desp'rate mind,
 Between revenge, and grief, and hunger join'd
 Against the foe, himself, and all mankind,
 He leap'd the trenches, scal'd a Castle-wall, 40
 Tore down a Standard, took the Fort and all.

"Prodigious well;" his great Commander cry'd,
 Gave him much praise, and some reward beside.
 Next pleas'd his Excellence a town to batter;
 (Its name I know not, and it's no great matter) 45

VER. 43. *Gave him much praise, and some reward beside.*
 For the sake of a stroke of satire, he has here weakened that
 circumstance on which the turn of the story depends. Ho-
 race avoided it, tho' the avaricious character of Lucullus
 was a tempting occasion to indulge his raillery.

Post haec ille catus, quantumvis rusticus, " Ibit,
 " Ibit eo, quo vis, qui zonam perdidit, inquit.

" Romae nutriri mihi contigit, atque doceri.

Iratus Graiis quantum nocuisset Achilles,

Adjecere bonae paulo plus artis Athenae:

Scilicet ut possem *curvo* dignoscere *rectum*,

Atque inter filvas Academi *quae* *ere* verum.

Dura sed emovere loco me tempora grato;

Civilisque rudem belli tulit aestus in arma,

Caesaris Augusti non responsura lacertis.

Unde simul primum me demisere Philippi,

Decisis humilem pennis, inopemque *patrii*

Et *laris* et fundi, paupertas impulit audax

Ut versus facerem: sed, quod non desit, habentem,

Quae poterunt unquam satis expurgare *cicutae*,

VER. 51. *Let him take castles who has nae or a groat.*] This has neither the force nor the justness of the original. Horace makes his soldier say,

Ibit,

Ibit eo, quo vis, qui zonam perdidit, for it was not his *poverty*, but his *loss* that pushed him upon danger; many being equal to the one, who cannot bear the other. What betrayed our poet into this inaccuracy of expression was it's suiting better with the *application*. But in a great writer we pardon nothing. And such should never forget, that the expression is not perfect, but when the ideas it conveys fit both the *case* and the *application*: for then they reflect mutual light upon one another.

" Go on, my Friend (he cry'd) see yonder walls !
 " Advance and conquer ! go where glory calls !
 " More honours, more rewards, attend the brave."
 Don't you remember what reply he gave ?
 " D'ye think me, noble Gen'ral, such a Sot ? 50
 " Let him take castles who has ne'er a groat."
 ' Bred up at home, full early I begun
 To read in Greek the wrath of Peleus' son.
 Besides, my Father taught me from a lad,
 The better art to know the good from bad : 55
 (And little sure imported to remove,
 To hunt for Truth in Maudlin's learned grove.)
 But knottier points we knew not half so well,
 Depriv'd us soon of our paternal Cell ;
 And certain Laws, by sufferers thought unjust, 60
 Deny'd all posts of profit or of trust :
 Hopes after hopes of pious Papist's failed
 While mighty WILLIAM's thund'ring arm prevail'd.
 For Right Hereditary tax'd and fin'd,
 He stuck to poverty with peace of mind ; 65
 And me, the Muses help'd to undergo it ;
 Convict a Papist he, and I a Poet.
 But (thanks to Homer) since I live and thrive,
 Indebted to no Prince or Peer alive,

VER. 53. *To read in Greek the wrath of Peleus' son.*] This circumstance has a happier application in the imitation than in the original ; and properly introduces the 68th verse.

Ni melius dormire putem, quam scribere versus ?

g Singula de nobis anni *praedantur* euntes ;

Eripuere *jocos, venerem, conviviam, ludum ;*

Tendunt extorquere poemata. quid faciam vis ?

h Denique non omnes eadem mirantur amantque.

Carmine tu gaudes : hic delectatur iambis ;

Ille Bioncis sermonibus, et sale nigro.

Tres mihi convivae prope dissentire videntur,

Poscentes vario multum diversa palato.

Quid dem quid non dem ? renuis quod tu, jubet alter :

Quod petis, id fane est invisum acidumque duobus.

i Praeter caetera me *Romaene* poemata censes

Scribere posse, inter tot curas totque labores ?

Hic sponsum vocat, hic auditum scripta, relictis

Omnibus officiis : cubat hic iu colle Quirini,

VER. 70. *Monroes.*] Dr. Monroe, Physician to Bedlam Hospital.

Sure I should want the care of ten Monroes,
If I would scribble, rather than repose. 70

3 Years foll'wing years, steal something ev'ry day,
At last they steal us from ourselves away ;
In one our Frolics, one Amusements end,
In one a Mistress drops, in one a Friend : 75
This subtle Thief of life, this paltry Time,
What will it leave me, if it snatch my rhyme ?
If ev'ry wheel of that unweary'd Mill,
That turn'd ten thousand verses now stands still ?

^h But after all, what would you have me do ? 80
When out of twenty I can please not two ;
When this Heroics only deigns to praise,
Sharp Satire that, and that Pindaric lays ?
One likes the Pheasant's wing, and one the leg ;
The vulgar boil, the learned roast an egg ; 85
Hard task ! to hit the palate of such guests,
When Oldfield loves, what Dartineuf detests.

ⁱ But grant I may relapse, for want of grace,
Again to rhyme ; can London be the place ?
Who there his Muse, or self, or soul attends, 90
In crowds, and courts, law, business, feasts, and friends ?
My counsel sends to execute a deed :
A Poet begs me, I will hear him read :

VER. 73. *At last they steal us from ourselves away ;*] i. e.
Time changes all our passions, appetites, and inclinations.

Hic extremo in Aventino ; visendus uterque.
 Intervalla vides humane commoda. " Verum
 " Puræ sunt plateæ, nihil ut meditantibus obstat."
 Festinat calidus mulis gerulisque redemptor :
 Torquet nunc lapidem, nunc ingens machina tig-
 num :

Tristia robustis luctantur funera plaustris :
 Hac rabiosa fugit canis, hac lutulenta ruit sus.

^k I nunc, et versus *tecum* meditare canoros.

Scriptorum chorus omnis *amat uenust, et fugit urbes,*
 Rite cliens Bacchi, somno gaudentis et umbra.

Tu me inter strepitus nocturnos atque diurnos

Vis canere, et contracta sequi vestigia vatum ?

^l Ingenium, sibi quod vacuas desumfit *Athenas,*
 Et studiis annos *septem* dedit, insenuitque
 Libris et curis, *statua taciturnius exit*

VER. 104. *Have you not seen, etc.*] The satirical pleasantry of this image, and the humorous manner of representing it, raises the imitation, in this place, far above the original.

VER. 113. *Would drink and dote, etc.*] This has not the delicacy, for it wants the elegant ambiguity, of

Rite cliens Bacchi, somno gaudentis et umbra.
 where the intemperance of Poets is not the obvious, but the secret meaning. For Bacchus was the patron of the *Dramas*

In Palace-yard at nine you'll find me there—
 At ten for certain, Sir, in Bloomsb'ry square— 95
 Before the Lords at twelve my Cause comes on—

There's a Rehearsal, Sir, exact at one.—

" Oh but a Wit can study in the streets,

" And raise his mind above the mob he meets."

Not quite so well however as one ought ; 100

A hackney coach may chance to spoil a thought ;

And then a nodding beam, or pig of lead,

God knows, may hurt the very ablest head.

Have you not seen, at Guildhall's narrow pass,

Two Aldermen dispute it with an Ass ? 105

And Peers give way, exalted as they are,

Ev'n to their own S-r-v--nce in a Car ?

* Go, lofty Poet ! and in such a croud,

Sing thy sonorous verse—but not aloud.

Alas ! to Grotto's and to Groves we run, 110

To ease and silence, ev'ry Muse's son :

Blackmore himself, for any grand effort,

Would drink and doze at Tooting or Earl's-Court.

How shall I rhyme in this eternal roar ?

How match the bards whom none e'er match'd be-
 fore ? 115

The Man, who stretch'd in Isis' calm retreat,

To books and study gives sev'n years compleat,

well as of the *Bottle* : and *sleep* was courted for *inspiration*, as
 well as to relieve a *debauch*.

Ibid. Tooting---Earl's-Court.] Two villages within a few
 miles of London.

Plerumque, et risu populum quatit; hic ego rerum
 Fluctibus in mediis, et tempestatibus urbis,
 Verba lyrae motura sonum connectere digner?

^m Frater erat Romae consulti rhetor; ut alter
 Alterius sermone meros audiret honores:

Gracchus ut hic illi, foret huic ut Mucius ille.

Quî minus argutos vexat furor iste poetas?

ⁿ *Carmina* compono, hic *elegos*; mirabile visu,
 Caelatumque novem Musis opus. aspice primum,
 Quanto cum fastu, quanto molimine circum-
¹pectemus *vacuam Romanis vatibus aedem*.

Mox etiam (si forte vacas) sequere, et *procul* audi,

Quid ferat, et quare sibi nectat uterque coronam.

Caedimur et totidem plagis consumimus hostem,

Lento Samnites ad lumina prima duello.

Discedo Alcaeus puncto illius; ille meo quis?

Quis, nisi Callimachus? si plus adposcere visus:

VER. 131. *And shook his head at Murray, as a Wit.*] It is the silly consolation of blockheads in all professions, that he, whom nature has formed to excell, does it not by his superior knowledge, but his wit: and so they keep themselves in countenance as not fairly outdone, but only *out-witted*.

See! strow'd with learned dust, his night-cap on,
He walks, an object new beneath the sun! 119

The boys flock round him, and the people stare:
So stiff, so mute! some statue you would swear,
Stept from its pedestal to take the air! }

And here, while town, and court, and city roars,
With mobs, and duns, and soldiers, at their doors;
Shall I, in London, act this idle part? 125
Composing songs, for Fools to get by heart?

“ The Temple late two brother Sergeants saw,
Who deem'd each other Oracles of Law;
With equal talents, these congenial souls 129
One lull'd th' Exchequer, and one stunn'd the Rolls;
Each had a gravity would make you split,
And shook his head at Murray, as a Wit.

“ 'Twas, Sir, your law”—and “ Sir, your eloquence.”

“ Yours, Cowper's manner—and yours, Talbot's sense,

“ Thus we dispose of all poetic merit, 135
Yours Milton's genius, and mine Homer's spirit.

Call Tibbald Shakespear, and he'll swear the Nine,

Dear Cibber! never match'd one Ode of thine.

Lord! how we strut thro' Merlin's Cave, to see

No Poets there, but Stephen, you and me. 140

Walk with respect behind, while we at ease

Weave laurel Crowns, and take what names we please,

“ My dear Tibullus!” if that will not do,

“ Let me be Horace, and be Ovid you:

Fit Mimnermus, et optivo cognomine crescit.

Multa fero, ut placem genus irritabile vatum,

Cum scribo, et supplex populi suffragia capto :

Idem, finitis studiis, et mente recepta,

Obturem patulas *impune* *legentibus* aures.

° Ridentur mala qui componunt carmina : verum

Gaudent scribentes, et se venerantur, et ultro,

Si taceas, laudant ; quidquid scripsere, beati.

At qui *legitimum* cupiet fecisse poema,

Cum tabulis animum censoris fumet honesti :

Audebit quaecunque parum splendoris habebunt,

Et *sine pondere* erunt, et *honore indigna* ferentur,

Verba movere loco ; quamvis *invita* recedant,

Et versentur adhuc intra penetralia Vestae :

° *Obscurata* diu populo bonus eruet, atque

Proferet in lucem speciosa vocabula rerum,

Quae priscis memorata Catonibus atque Cethegis,

Nunc situs informis premit et deserta vetustas :

Adsciset *nova*, quae *genitor* *produxerit* *usus* :

VER. 159. *not a word they spare,--That wants or force, or light, or weight, or care,]* Force and light respect figurative expression ; and signify, that it be such as awakes the imagination, and be taken from obvious subjects ; for without the first quality it will want force ; without the other, light.

“ Or, I’m content, allow me Dryden’s strains, 145
 “ And you shall rise up Otway for your pains.”
 Much do I suffer, much, to keep in peace
 This jealous, waspish, wrong-head, rhyming race;
 And much must flatter, if the whim should bite
 To court applause by printing what I write : 150
 But let the fit pass o’er, I’m wise enough,
 To stop my ears to their confounded stuff.

° In vain, bad Rhymers all mankind reject,
 They treat themselves with most profound respect;
 ’Tis to small purpose that you hold your tongue, 155
 Each prais’d within, is happy all day long :
 But how severely with themselves proceed
 The men, who write such Verse as we can read ?
 Their own strict Judges, not a word they spare,
 That wants or force, or light, or weight, or care,
 Howe’er unwillingly it quits its place, 161
 Nay tho’ at Court (perhaps) it may find grace :
 Such they’ll degrade; and sometimes, in its stead,
 P In downright charity revive the dead !

Mark where a bold expressive phrase appears, 165
 Bright thro’ the rubbish of some hundred years ;
 Command old words that long have slept, to wake,
 Words, that wise Bacon, or brave Rawleigh spake ;

*Weight and care respect literal expression, the first marking
 out the character of the verb: the other of the noun; and
 signify, that in every proposition, the attribute should be
 important, and the subject precise.*

Vehemens et liquidus, puroque similimus amni,
Fundet opes, Latiumque beabit divite lingua :
Luxuriantia compescet : nimis aspera sano
Levabit cultu, virtute carentia tollet :
Ludentis speciem dabit, et torquetur, ut qui
Nunc Satyrum, nunc agrestem Cyclopa movetur.
¶ Praetulerim scriptor delirus inersque videri,
Dum mea delectent mala me, vel denique fallant,
Quam sapere, et ringi. Fuit haud ignobilis Argis,
Qui se credebat miros audire tragoedos,
In vacuo laetus sessor plausorque theatra :
Caetera qui vitae servaret munia recto
More ; bonus sane vicinus, amabilis hospes,
Comis in uxorem ? posset qui ignoscere servis,
Et signo laeso non insanire lagenae :
Posset qui rupem, et puteum vitare patentem.

VER. 170. *For Use will father what's begot by Sense*] A very fine and happy improvement on the expression, if not on the thought, of his original

VER. 184. *There liv'd in primo Georgii, etc.*] The imitation of this story of the *Madman* is as much superior to his original, in the fine and easy manner of telling, as that of *Lucullus's Soldier* comes short of it. It is true the turn *Horace's madman* took, agrees better with the subject of his *Epistle*, which is *Poetry*; and doubtless there were other beauties in

Or bid the new be English, ages hence,
(For Use will father what's begot by Sense) 170

Pour the full tide of eloquence along,
Serenely pure, and yet divinely strong,
Rich with the treasures of each foreign tongue; }
Prune the luxuriant, the uncouth refine,

But show no mercy to an empty line : 175

Then polish all, with so much life and ease,

You think 'tis Nature, and a knack to please :

" But ease in writing flows from Art, not chance ;

" As those move easiest who have learn'd to dance.

¶ If such the plague and pains to write by rule, 180

Better (say I) be pleas'd, and play the fool ;

Call, if you will, bad rhyming a disease,

There liv'd in *primo Georgii* (they record)

A worthy member, no small fool, a Lord ; 185

Who, tho' the House was up, delighted sate,

Heard, noted, answer'd, as in full debate :

In all but this, a man of sober life,

Fond of his Friend, and civil to his Wife ;

Not quite a madman, tho' a pasty fell, 190

And much too wise to walk into a well.

it, which time has deprived us of. For it is in poetry as in painting, the most delicate touches go *first* ; and, what is worse, they agree in this too, that they are *last* observed. So that, what between time and ill taste, the greatest beauties are the shortest lived.

Hic ubi cognatorum opibus curisque relictus,

Expulit elleboro morbum bilemque meraco,

Et redit ad sese : Pol me occidistis, amici,

Non servastis, ait ; cui sit extorta voluptas,

Et demtus per vim mentis gratissimus error.

† Nimirum sapere est abjectis utile nugis,

Et tempestivum pueris concedere ludum ;

* Ac non verba sequi fidibus modulanda Latinis,

Sed *verae numerosque modosque* edificere *vitae*.

Quocirca *mecum* loquor haec, tacitusque recorder ;

† Si tibi nulla sitim finiret copia lymphae,

Narrares medicis : quod quanto plura parasti,

Tanto plura cupis, nullinè faterier audes ?

Him, the damn'd Doctors and his Friends immur'd,
They bled, they cupp'd, they purg'd; in short, they
cur'd :

Whereat the gentleman began to stare—

My Friends ! he cry'd, p--x take you for your care ! 195

That from a Patriot of distinguish'd note,

Have bled and purg'd me to a simple Vote.

Well, on the whole, plain prose must be my fate :

Wisdom (curse on it) will come soon or late.

There is a time when Poets will grow dull : 200

I'll e'en leave verses to the boys at school :

To rules of Poetry no more confin'd,

I learn to smooth and harmonize my Mind,

Teach ev'ry thought within its bounds to roll,

And keep the equal measure of the Soul. 205

Soon as I enter at my country door,

My mind resumes the thread it dropt before ;

Thoughts, which at Hyde park-corner I forgot,

Meet and rejoin me, in the pensive Grot.

There all alone, and compliments apart, 210

I ask these sober questions of my heart.

If, when the more you drink, the more you crave,

You tell the Doctor ; when the more you have,

The more you want, why not with equal ease

Confess as well your Folly, as Disease ? 215

The heart resolves this matter in a trice,

" Men only feel the Smart, but not the Vice."

" Si vulnus tibi monstrata radice vel herba
 Non fieret levius, fugeres radice vel herba
 Proficiente nihil curarier : audieras, cui
 Rem Dî donarint, illi decedere pravam
 Stultitiam ; et, cum sis nihilo sapientior, ex quo
 Plenior es, tamen uteris monitoribus isdem ?

At si divitiae prudentem reddere possent,
 Si cupidum timidumque minus te ; nempe ruberes,
 Viveret in terris, te si quis avarior uno,

" Si *proprium* est, quod quis libra mercatus et aere
 est,

Quaedam (si credis *consultis*) mancipat *usus* :
 Qui te pascit ager, tuus est ; et villicus Orbî,
 Cum segetes occat tibi mox frumenta daturas,
 Te dominum sentit,

* das nummos ; accipis uvam,
 Pullos, ova, cadum temeti : nempe modo isto
 Paulatim mercis agrum, fortasse trecentis,
 Aut etiam supra nummorum millibus emtum.
 Quid refert, vivas *numerata nuper*, an olim ?

VER. 218. *When golden Angels, etc*] This illustration is much happier than what is employed in his original ; as by raising pecuniary ideas, it prepares the mind for that morality it is brought to illustrate.

" When golden Angels cease to cure the Evil,
 You give all royal Witchcraft to the Devil :
 When servile Chaplains cry, that birth and place 220
 Indue a Peer with honour, truth, and grace,
 Look in that breast, most dirty D--- ! be fair,
 Say, can you find out one such lodger there ?
 Yet still, not heeding what your heart can teach,
 You go to church to hear these Flatt'ers preach. 225

Indeed, could wealth bestow or wit or merit,
 A grain of courage, or a spark of spirit,
 The wisest man might blush, I must agree,
 If D*** lov'd sixpence, more than he.

" If there be truth in Law, and Use can give 230
 A Property, that's yours on which you live,
 Delightful Abs-court, if its fields afford
 Their fruits to you, confesses you its lord :
 All * Worldly's hens, nay, partridge, sold to town.
 His Ven'son too, a guinea makes your own : 235
 He bought at thousands, what with better wit
 You purchase as you want, and bit by bit ;
 Now, or long since, what difference will be found ?
 You pay a penny, and he paid a pound.

VER. 220. *When servile Chaplains cry,*] Dr. Ken--t.

VER. 232. *delightful Abs-court.*] A farm over-against Hampton-Court.

^y Emtor Aricini quondam, Veientis et arvi,
Emtum coenat olus, quamvis aliter putat ; emtis
Sub noctem gelidam lignis calefactat ahenum.

Sed *vocat* usque suum, qua populus adfita certis
Limitibus vicina refigit jurgia : tanquam

^z Sit *proprium* quidquam, puncto quod mobilis horae,
Nunc prece, nunc pretio, nunc vi, nunc morte su-
prema,

Permutet dominos, et cedat in altera jura.

Sic, quia *perpetuus* nulli datur *usus*, et haeres
Haeredem alterius, velut unda supervenit undam :

Quid *vici* profunt, aut *borrea* ?

Saltibus adjecti Lucani ; si metit Orcus

Grandia cum parvis, non exorabilis auro ?

^a Gemmas, marmor, ebur, Tyrrhena figilla, ta-
bellas,

Argentum, vestes Gaetulo murice tinctas,

Sunt qui non habeant ; est qui non curat habere.

VER. 248. *hang in Fortune's pow'r,---Loose on the point of
ev'ry wav'ring bour.*] A modern idea (the magnetic needle)
here supplied the Imitator with expression much superior to
his Original.

✓ Heathcote himself, and such large-acred men, 240
Lords of fat E'sham, or of Lincoln fen,

Buy every stick of wood that lends them heat,
Buy ev'ry Pullet they afford to eat.

Yet these are Wights, who fondly call their own
Half that the Dev'l o'erlooks from Lincoln town. 245

The Laws of God, as well as of the land,

Abhor, a Perpetuity should stand :

Estates have wings, and hang in Fortune's pow'r

² Loose on the point of ev'ry wav'ring hour,

Ready, by force, or of your own accord, 250

By sale, at least by death, to change their lord.

Man ? and for ever ? wretch ! what wou'dst thou have ?

Heir urges heir, like wave impelling wave.

All vast possessions (just the same the case

Whether you call them Villa, Park, or Chase) 255

Alas, my BATHURST ! what will they avail ?

Join Cotswood hills to Saperton's fair dale,

Let rising Granaries and Temples here,

There mingled farms and pyramids appear,

Link towns to towns with avenues of oak, 260

Enclose whole downs in walls, 'tis all a joke !

Inexorable Death shall level all,

And trees, and stones, and farms, and farmer fall.

² Gold, Silver, Iv'ry, Vases sculptur'd high,

Paint, Marble, Gems, and robes of Persian dye, 265

There are who have not--and thank heav'n there are,

Who, if they have not, think not worth their care.

^b Cur alter fratrum cessare, et ludere, et ungi
 Praeferat Herodis palmetis pinguibus; alter
Dives et importunus, ad umbram lucis ab ortu
 Silvestrem flammis et ferro mitiget agrum:
 Scit *Genius*, natale comes qui temperat astrum:
 NATURAE DEUS HUMANAЕ, mortalis in unum.
 Quodque caput, vultu mutabilis, albus, et ater.

^c Utar, et ex medico, quantum res poscet, acervo
 Tollam: nec metuum, quid de me judicet *haeres*,
 Quod non *plura datis* invenerit. et tamen idem
 Scire volam, quantum simplex hilarisque nepoti
 Discrepet, et quantum discordet parcus avaro.
 Distat enim, spargas tua prodigus, an neque sumtum

VER. 273. *All Townshends Turnips*] Lord Townshend, Secretary of State to George the First and Second--When this great Statesman retired from business, he amused himself in Husbandry; and was particularly fond of that kind of rural improvement which arises from Turnips; it was the favourite subject of his conversation.

VER. 277. *fly, like Ogletborpe,*] Employed in settling the Colony of Georgia.

VER. 280. *That God of Nature, etc.*] Here our Poet had an opportunity of illustrating his own Philosophy; and thereby giving a much better sense to his Original; and correcting both the *naturalism* and the *fate* of Horace, which are covertly conveyed in these words,

^b Talk what you will of Taste, my friend, you'll find,

Two of a face, as soon as of a mind.

Why, of two brothers, rich and restless one 270

Plows, burns, manures, and toils from sun to sun ;

The other flights, for women, sports, and wines,

All Townshend's Turnips, and all Grovenor's mines :

Why one like Bu— with pay and scorn content,

Bows and votes on, in Court and Parliament ; 275

One, driv'n by strong Benevolence of soul,

Shall fly, like Oglethorpe, from pole to pole :

Is known alone to that Directing Pow'r,

Who forms the Genius in the natal hour ;

That God of Nature, who, within us still, 280

Inclines our action, not constrains our will,

Various of temper, as of face or frame,

Each individual : His great End the same.

^c Yes, Sir, how small soever be my heap,

A part I will enjoy, as well as keep, 285

My heir may sigh, and think it want of grace

A man so poor would live without a place :

But sure no statute in his favour says,

How free, or frugal, I shall pass my days :

I, who at some times spend, at others spare 290

Divided between carelessness and care.

Scit Genius, natale comes qui temperat astrum,

NATURAE DEUS HUMANA E.

VER. 288: *But sure no statute*] Alluding to the statutes made in England and Ireland, to regulate the Succession of Papists, etc.

Invitus facias, nec plura parare labores ;

Ac potius, puer ut festis Quinquatribus olim,

Exiguo gratoque fruaris tempore raptim.

f Pauperies immunda procul procul absit : ego, utrum

Nave ferar magna an parva ; ferar unus et idem.

Non agimur tumidis velis Aquilone secundo :

Non tamen adversis aetatem ducimus Austris

Viribus, ingenio, specie, virtute, loco, re,

Extremi primorum, extremis usque priores.

z Non es avarus : abi, quid ? caetera jam simul isto

Cum vitio fugere ? caret tibi pectus inani

Ambitione ? caret mortis formidine et ira ?

Somnia, terrores magicos, miracula, sagas,

Nocturnos lemures, portentaque Thessala rides ?

VER. 312. *Survey both worlds.*] It is observable with what sobriety he has corrected the licentiousness of his Original, which made the expectation of another world a part of that superstition, he would explode ; whereas his Imitator is only for removing the false terrors from the world of spirits, such as the *diablerie* of witchcraft and purgatory.

'Tis one thing madly to disperse my store :
Another, not to heed to treasure more ;
Glad, like a Boy, to snatch the first good day,
And pleas'd, if sordid want be far away. 295

What is't to me (a passenger God wot)
Whether my vessel be first-rate or not ?
The ship itself may make a better figure,
But I that sail, am neither less nor bigger,
I neither strut with ev'ry fav'ring breath, 300
Nor strive with all the tempest in my teeth.
In pow'r, wit, figure, virtue, fortune, plac'd
Behind the foremost, and before the last.

But why all this of Av'rice ? I have none."
I wish you joy, Sir, of a Tyrant gone ; 305
But does no other lord it at this hour,
As wild and mad ? the Avarice of pow'r ?
Does neither Rage inflame, nor Fear appall ?
Not the black fear of death, that saddens all ?
With terrors round, can Reason hold her throne, 310
Despise the known, nor tremble at th' unknown ?
Survey both worlds, intrepid and entire,
In spite of witches, devils, dreams and fire ;
Pleas'd to look forward, pleas'd to look behind,
And count each birth-day with a grateful mind ? 315

Natales grate numeras ? ignoscis amicis ?

Lenior et melior sis accedente senectâ ?

Quid te exempta levat spinis de pluribus una ?

^h Vivere si recte nescis, decede peritis.

Lusisti fatis, edisti fatis, atque bibisti :

Tempus abire tibi est : ne potum largius aequo

Rideat, et pulset lasciva decentius aetas.

Has life no founness, drawn so near its end ;
Can't thou endure a foe, forgive a friend ?
Has age but melted the rough parts away,
As winter-fruits grow mild ere they decay ?
Or will you think, my friend, your business done,
When, of a hundred thorns, you pull out one ? 324

^b Learn to live well, or fairly make your will ;
You've play'd, and lov'd, and eat, and drank your fill :
Walk sober off ; before a sprightlier age
Comes titt'ring on, and shoves you from the stage :
Leave such to trifle with more grace and ease, 326
Whom Folly pleases, and whose Follies please.

His life no longer draws to near its end;
 Can't thou endure a foe, forgive a friend?
 His age but melted the rough parts away,
 As winter-time grow mild ere they decay;
 Or will you think, my friend, your business done,
 When of a hundred thorns you pull out one?
 I mean to live well, or fairly make you well;
 You've pluck'd, and lov'd, and eat, and drink your fill;
 Well pleas'd of, before a quinquagenary age,
 Thus meeting me, and giving me from the rage
 Of wine to taste with more grace and ease,
 And whole Folies please.

THE
SATIRES

Dr. JOHN DONNE,

Dean of St. PAUL's,

VERSIFIED.

Quid vetat et nosmet *Lucili* scripta legentes
Quaerere, num illius, num rerum dura negarit
Verficulos natura magis factos, & euntes
Mollius? Hor.

S A T I R E II.

SIR; though (I thank God for it) I do hate
 Perfectly all this town; yet there's one state
 In all ill things, so excellently best,
 That hate towards them, breeds pity towards the rest.
 Though Poetry, indeed, be such a sin,
 As I think, that brings *death* and *Spaniards* in:
 Though like the pestilence, and old-fashion'd love,
 Ridlingly it ~~catch~~ *men*, and ~~doth~~ *remove*
 Never, till it be starv'd out; yet their state
 Is poor, disfarm'd, like *Papists*, not worth hate.

One (like a wretch, which at barre judg'd as dead,
 Yet prompts him which stands next, and cannot read.
 And ~~saves his life~~ gives *Idiot Actors* means,
 (Starving himself) to live by's labour'd scenes.
 As in some Organs, Puppits dance above
 And bellows pant below, which them do move.
 One would move love by rythmes; but witchcraft's
 charms

Bring not now their old fears, nor their old harms;

S A T I R E II.

YES; thank my stars! as early as I knew

This Town, I had the sense to hate it-too:

Yet here, as ev'n in Hell, there must be still

One Giant-Vice, so excellently ill,

That all beside, one pities, not abhors;

As who knows Sappho, smiles at other whores.

I grant that Poetry's a crying sin;

It brought (no doubt) th' *Excise* and *Army* in:

Catch'd like the Plague, or Love, the Lord knows
how,

But that the cure is starving, all allow.

Yet like the Papist's, is the Poet's state,

Poor and disarm'd, and hardly worth your hate!

Here a lean Bard, whose wit could never give

Himself a dinner, makes an Actor live:

The Thief condemn'd, in law already dead,

So prompts, and saves a rogue who cannot read.

Thus as the pipes of some carv'd Organ move,

The gilded puppets dance and mount above.

Heav'd by the breath th' inspiring bellows blow,

Th' inspiring bellows lie and pant below.

One sings the Fair; but songs no longer move;

No rat is rhym'd to death, nor maid to love:

Rams, and slings now are silly battery,
Pistolets are the best artillery.

And they who write to Lords, rewards to get,
Are they not like fingers at doors for meat?
And they who write, because all write, have still
That 'scuse for writing, and for writing ill.

But he is worst, who beggarly doth chaw
Others wits fruits, and in his ravenous maw
Rankly digested, doth those things out-spue,
As his own things; and they're his own, 'tis true,
For if one eat my meat, though it be known
The meat was mine, the excrement's his own.

But these do me no harm, nor they which use,
..... to out-usure Jews,
T' out-drink the sea, t' out-swear the Letanie,
Who with sins all kinds as familiar be
As Confessors, and for whose sinful sake
Schoolmen new tenements in hell must make;
Whose strange sins Canonists could hardly tell
In which Commandment's large receipt they dwell.

VER. 44. *In what Commandment's large contents they dwell.]*
The Original is more humorous,

In which Commandment's large receipt they dwell.
As if the Ten Commandments were so wide, as to stand ready to
receive every thing within them, that either the Law of Nature
or the Gospel commands. A just ridicule on those practical Com-

In love's, in nature's spite, the siege they hold,
And scorn the flesh, the dev'l, and all but gold.

These write to Lords, some mean reward to get,
As needy beggars sing at doors for meat. 26

Those write because all write, and so have still
Excuse for writing, and for writing ill.

Wretched indeed ! but far more wretched yet
Is he who makes his meal on others wit : 30

'Tis chang'd no doubt, from what it was before,
His rank digestion makes it wit no more :

Sense, past thro' him, no longer is the same ;
For food digested takes another name.

I pass o'er all those Confessors and Martyrs, 35
Who live like S—tt—n, or who die like Chartres,

Out-cant old Esdras, or out-drink his heir,
Out-usure Jews, or Irishmen out-swear ;

Wicked as Pages, who in early years
Act sins which Prisca's Confessor scarce hears. 40

Ev'n those I pardon, for whose sinful sake
Schoolmen new tenements in hell must make ;

Of whose strange crimes no Canonist can tell
In what Commandment's large contents they dwell.

mentators, as they are called, who include all moral and religious Duties within them. Whereas their true original sense is much more confined, being a short summary of duty fitted for a single People, upon a particular occasion, and to serve transitory ends. 6

But these punish themselves. The insolente
 Of *Cosius*, only, breeds my just offence,
 Whom time (which rots all, and makes botches pox,
 And plodding on, must make a calf an ox)
 Hath made a Lawyer; which (alas) of late,
 But scarce a Poet: jollier of this state,
 Than are new-benefic'd Ministers, he throws
 Like nets or lime-twigs wherefoe'er he goes
 His title of Barrister on ev'ry wench,
 And woos in language of the Pleas and Bench. **

Words, words which would rear
 The tender labyrinth of a Maid's soft ear:
 More, more than ten Sclavonians scolding, more
 Than when winds in our ruin'd Abbeys roar.
 Then sick with Poetry, and possess'd with Muse
 Thou wast, and mad I hop'd; but men which chuse
 Law practice for meer gain; bold soul repute
 Worse than imbrothel'd strumpets prostitute.

VER. 61. *Language, which Boreas—*] The Original has here a very fine stroke of satire.

Than when winds in our ruin'd Abbeys roar.
 The frauds with which that work (so necessary for the welfare
 both of religion and the state) was begun; the rapine with
 which it was carried on; and the dissoluteness in which the
 plunder arising from it was wasted, had scandalized all sober

Now like an owl-like watchman he must walk,
His hand still at a bill; now he must talk
Idly, like prisoners, which whole months will swear,
That only suretyship hath brought them there,
And to every suitor lye in every thing,
Like a King's Favourite—or like a King.
Like a wedge in a block, wring to the barre,
Bearing like asses, and more shameless farre
Than carted whores, lye to the grave Judge; for
Bastardy abounds not in King's titles, nor
Simony and Sodomy in Church-men's lives,
As these things do in him; by these he thrives.
Shortly (as th' sea) he'll compass all the land,
From *Scots* to *Wight*, from *Mount* to *Dover* strand.
And spying heirs melting with Luxury,
Satan will not joy at their sins as he:
For (as a thrifty wench scrapes kitchen-stuffe,
And barrelling the droppings, and the snuffe
Of wasting candles, which in thirty year,
Reliquely kept, perchance buys wedding chear)
Piecemeal he gets lands, and spends as much time
Wringing each acre, as maids pulling prime.
In parchment then, large as the fields, he draws
Assurances, big as glos'd civil laws,

Grave, as when pris'ners shake the head and swear
 'Twas only Suretiship that brought 'em there. 70
 His *Office* keeps your Parchment fates entire,
 He starves with cold to save them from the fire ;
 For you he walks the streets thro' rain or dust,
 For not in Chariots *Peter* puts his trust ;
 For you he sweats and labours at the laws, 75
 Takes God to witness he affects your cause,
 And lies to ev'ry Lord in ev'ry thing,
 Like a King's Favourite—or like a King.
 These are the talents that adorn them all,
 From wicked Waters ev'n to godly * * 80
 Not more of Simony beneath black gowns,
 Not more of bastardy in heirs to Crowns,
 In shillings and in pence at first they deal ;
 And steal so little, few perceive they steal ;
 Till like the Sea, they compass all the land, 85
 From *Scots* to *Wight*, from *Mount* to *Dover* strand :
 And when rank Widows purchase luscious nights,
 Or when a Duke to *Jansen* punts at White's,
 Or City-Heir in mortgage melts away ;
Satan himself feels far less joy than they. 90
 Piecemeal they win this acre first, then that,
 Glean on, and gather up the whole estate.
 Then strongly fencing ill-got wealth by law,
 Indentures, Cov'nants, Articles they draw,
 Large as the fields themselves, and larger far 95
 Than Civil Codes, with all their Glosses, are ;

So huge that men (in our times forwardness)
 Are Fathers of the Church for writing less.
 These he writes not; nor for these written payes,
 Therefore spares no length (as in those first dayes
 When *Luther* was profess, he did desire
 Short *Pater-nosters*, saying as a Fryer
 Each day his Beads; but having left those laws,
 Adds to Christ's prayer, the power and glory clause)
 But when he sells or changes land, h'impaires
 The writings, and (unwatch'd) leaves out, *ses heires*,
 As slyly as any Commenter goes by
 Hard words, or sense; or, in Divinity
 As controverters in vouch'd Texts, leave out
 Shrew'd words, which might against them clear the
 doubt.

Where are these spread woods which cloath'd
 heretofore
 Those bought lands? not built, not burnt within door.

VER. 104. *So Luther, etc.*] Our Poet, by judiciously transposing this fine similitude, has given lustre to his Author's thought. The Lawyer, (says Dr. Donne) enlarges the legal instruments for conveying property to the bigness of *gloss'd civil Laws*, when it is to secure his own ill-got wealth. But let the same Lawyer convey property for you, and he then omits even the necessary words; and becomes as concise and hasty as the loose postils of a modern Divine. So *Luther* while a Monk, and, by his Institution, obliged to say Mass, and pray in Person for others, thought even his *Pater-noster* too long. But when he set up for a Governor in the Church, and his business was to direct others how to pray for the success of his new Model; he then lengthened the *Pater-noster*

So vast, our new Divines, we must confess,
 Are Fathers of the Church for writing less.
 But let them write for you, each rogue impairs
 The deeds, and dextrously omits, *Jes. haïres* : 100
 No Commentator can more slyly pass
 O'er a learn'd, unintelligible place ;
 Or, in quotation, shrewd Divines leave out
 Those words, that would against them clear the doubt.
 So Luther thought the Pater-noster long, 105
 When doom'd to say his beads and Even-song ;
 But having cast his cowle, and left those laws,
 Adds to Christ's pray'r, the *Power and Glory* clause.
 The lands are bought ; but where are to be found
 Those ancient woods, that shaded all the ground ?
 We see no new-built palaces aspire, 111
 No kitchens emulate the vestal fire.

by a new clause. This representation of the first part of his conduct was to ridicule his want of devotion ; as the other, where he tells us, that the *addition* was the *power and glory clause*, was to satirize his ambition ; and both together to insinuate that, from a Monk, he was become totally *secularized*. ---About this time of his life Dr. Donne had a strong propensity to Popery, which appears from several strokes in these satires. We find amongst his works, a short satirical thing called a *Catalogue of rare books*, one article of which is intitled, *M. Lutherus de abbreviatione Orationis Dominicæ*, alluding to Luther's omission of the concluding *Doxology*, in his two Catechisms, which shews he was fond of the joke ; and, in the first instance, (for the sake of his moral) at the expence of truth. As his putting Erasmus and Reuchlin in the rank of Lully and Agrippa, shews what were then his sentiments of Reformation.

Where the old landlords troops, and almes ? In halls
Carthusian Fasts, and fulsome Bacchanals

Equally I hate. Mean's blest, In rich men's homes

I bid kill some beasts, but no hecatombs ;

None starve, none surfeit so. But (oh) we allow

Good works as good, but out of fashion now,

Like old rich wardrobes. But my words none draws

Within the vast reach of th' huge statutes jawes.

VER. 127. *Treason, or the Law.*] By the *Law* is here meant
the *Lawyers*.

Where are those troops of Poor, that throng'd of yore
The good old landlord's hospitable door ?

Well, I could wish, that still in lordly domes 115
Some beasts were kill'd, tho' not whole hecatombs ;
That both extremes were banish'd from their walls,
Carthusian fasts, and fulsome Bacchanals ;

And all mankind might that just Mean observe,
In which none e'er could surfeit, none could starve.

These as good works, 'tis true, we all allow : 120

But oh ! these works are not in fashion now
Like rich old wardrobes, things extremely rare
Extremely fine, but what no man will wear

Thus much I've said, I trust, without offence : 125

Let no Court Sycophant pervert my sense,

Nor fly Informer watch these words to draw 130

Within the reach of Treason, or the Law

Two hundred marks, which is the Statute sum

Before he leap'd ; to it pleas'd my destiny

(Guilty of my sin of going) to think me

As prone to all ill, and of good as forget

Full, as proud, lustful, and as much in debt

As vain, as wise, and as false, as they

Which dwell in Court, for once going that way

SATIRE IV.

WELL; I may now receive, and die. My sin
Indeed is great, but yet I have been in
A Purgatory, such as fear'd hell is
A recreation, and scant map of this.

My mind, neither with pride's itch, nor hath been
Poyson'd with love to see or to be seen,
I had no suit there, nor new suit to show,
Yet went to Court; but as Glare which did go
To Mafs in jest, catch'd, was fain to disburse
Two hundred markes, which is the Statutes curse,
Before he scap'd; so it pleas'd my destiny
(Guilty of my sin of going) to think me
As prone to all ill, and of good as forget-
full, as proud, lustfull, and as much in debt,
As vain, as witless, and as false, as they
Which dwell in Court, for once going that way.

VER. 10. Nor the vain itch t' admire, or be admir'd;] Courtiers have the same pride in admiring, that Poets have in being admir'd. For Vanity is as often gratified in paying our court to our superiors, as in receiving it from our inferiors.

S A T I R E IV.

WELL, if it be my time to quit the stage,
Adieu to all the follies of the age!

I die in charity with fool and knave,
Secure of peace at least beyond the grave.

I've had my Purgatory here betimes,
And paid for all my satires, all my rhymes.

The Poet's hell, its tortures, fiends, and flames,
To this were trifles, toys and empty names.

With foolish pride my heart was never fir'd,
Nor the vain itch t'admire, or be admir'd; 10

I hop'd for no commission from his Grace;
I bought no benefice, I begg'd no place;

Had no new verses, nor new suit to show;
Yet went to Court!—the Dev'l would have it so.

But, as the Fool that in reforming days 15
Would go to Mass in jest (as story says)

Could not but think, to pay his fine was odd,
Since 'twas no form'd design of serving God;

So was I punish'd, as if full as proud,
As prone to ill, as negligent of good, 20

As deep in debt, without a thought to pay,
As vain, as idle, and as false, as they

Who live at Court, for going once that way! }

Therefore I suffer'd this ; towards me did run
 A thing more strange, than on Nile's slime the Sun
 E'er bred, or all which into Noah's Ark came ;
 A thing which would have pos'd Adam to name ;
 Stranger than seven Antiquaries studies,
 Than Africk Monsters, Guanaes rarities,
 Stranger than strangers : one who, for a Dane,
 In the Danes Massacre had sure been slain,
 If he had liv'd then ; and without help dies,
 When next the Prentices 'gainst strangers rise ;
 One whom the watch at noon lets scarce go by ;
 One, to whom the examining Justice sure would cry,
 Sir, by your Priesthood tell me what you are ?

His cloaths were strange, tho' coarse, and black,
 though bare,
 Sleeveless his jerkin was, and it had been
 Velvet, but 'twas now (so much ground was seen)
 Become Tufftastaty ; and our children shall
 See it plain rash a while, then nought at all.

The thing hath travail'd, and, faith, speaks all
 tongues,
 And only knoweth what to all States belongs,
 Made of th' accents, and best phrase of all these,
 He speaks one language. If strange meats displease,

Scarce was I enter'd, when, behold ! there came
 A thing which Adam had been pos'd to name : 25
 Noah had refus'd it lodging in his Ark,
 Where all the Race of Reptiles might embark :
 A verier monster, than on Africk's shore
 The sun e'er got, or flimy Nilus bore,
 Or Sloane or Woodward's wondrous shelves contain,
 Nay, all that lying Travellers can feign. 31
 The watch would hardly let him pass at noon,
 At night, would swear him dropt out of the Moon.
 One whom the mob, when next we find or make
 A popish plot, shall for a Jesuit take, 35
 And the wise Justice starting from his chair
 Cry, By your Priesthood tell me what you are ?

Such was the wight : Th' apparel on his back,
 Tho' coarse, was rev'rend, and tho' bare, was black :
 The suit, if by the fashion one might guess, 40
 Was velvet in the youth of good Queen *Bess*,
 But mere tuff-taffety what now remain'd ;
 So Time, that changes all things, had ordain'd !
 Our sons shall see it leisurely decay,
 First turn plain rash, then vanish quite away. 45

This thing has travel'd, speaks each language too,
 And knows what's fit for ev'ry state to do ;
 Of whose best phrase and courtly accent join'd,
 He forms one tongue, exotic and refin'd.

Art can deceive, or hunger force my tast;
 But pedants motly tongue, soldiers bumbast,
 Mountebanks drug-tongue, nor the terms of law,
 Are strong enough preparatives to draw
 Me to hear this, yet I must be content
 With his tongue, in his tongue call'd Complement:
 In which he can win widows, and pay scores,
 Make men speak treason, couzen subtlest whores,
 Out-flatter favourites, or out-lie either
 Jovius, or Surlus, or both together.

He names me, and comes to me; I whisper, God,
 How have I sinn'd, that thy wrath's furious Rod,
 This fellow, chuseth me! He saith, Sir,
 I love your Judgment, whom you do prefer
 For the best Linguist? and I feelily
 Said that I thought Calepines Dictionary.
 Nay, but of men, most sweet Sir? Beza then,
 Some Jesuits, and two reverend men
 Of our two academies I nam'd: here
 He stopt me, and said, Nay your Apostles were

Talkers I've learn'd to bear; Motteux I knew, 50
Henley himself I've heard, and Budgel too.

The Doctor's Wormwood style, the Hash of tongues
A Pedant makes, the storm of Gonson's lungs,

The whole Artill'ry of the terms of War;
And (all those plagues in one) the bawling Bar: 55

These I could bear; but not a rogue so civil,
Whose tongue will compliment you to the devil.

A tongue, that can cheat Widows, cancel stores,
Make Scots speak treason, cozen subtlest whores,

With royal Favourites in flatt'ry vie, 60
And Oldmixon and Burnet both out-lie.

He spies me out; I whisper, Gracious God!
What sin of mine could merit such a rod?

That all the shot of dulness now must be
From this thy blunderbuss discharg'd on me! 65

Permit (he cries) no stranger to your fame
To crave your sentiment if——'s your name.

What *Speech* esteem you most? "The *King's*," said I.
But the best *words*?—"O Sir, the *Dictionary*."

You miss my aim; I mean the most acute 70
And perfect *Speaker*?—"Onslow, past dispute."

But, Sir, of writers? "Swift, for closer style,
"But Ho**y for a period of a mile."

Why yes, 'tis granted, these indeed may pass:
Good common linguists, and so Panurge was; 75

Nay troth th' Apostles (tho' perhaps too rough)
Had once a pretty gift of Tongues enough:

Good pretty Linguists; so Panurgus was,
Yet a poor Gentleman; all these may pass
By travail. Then, as if he would have sold

His tongue, he prais'd it, and such wonders told,
That I was fain to say, If you had liv'd, Sir,
Time enough to have been Interpreter

To Babels Bricklayers, sure the Tower had stood.

He adds, If of Court life you knew the good,
You would leave loneness. I said, Not alone

My loneness is; but Spartanes fashion
To teach by painting drunkards doth not last
Now, Arctines pictures have made few chaste;
No more can Princes Courts (though there be few
Better pictures of vice) teach me virtue.

He like to a high-streight Lute-string squeaks, O

Sir,

'Tis sweet to talk of Kings. At Westminster,
Said I, the man that keeps the Abby tombs,
And for his price, doth with whoever comes
Of all our Harrys, and our Edwards talk,
From King to King, and all their kin can walk:

Yet these were all poor Gentlemen ! I dare
Affirm, 'twas Travel made them what they were.

Thus others talents having nicely shown, 80
He came by sure transition to his own :
Till I cry'd out, You prove yourself so able,
Pity ! you was not Druggerman at Babel ;
For had they found a linguist half so good
I make no question but the Tow'r had stood. 85

“ Obliging Sir ! for Courts you sure were made :
“ Why then for ever bury'd in the shade ?
“ Spirits like you, should see and should be seen,
“ The King would smile on you—at least the Queen,
Ah gentle Sir ! your Courtiers so cajol us— 90
But Tully has it, *Nunquam minus solus* :
And as for Courts, forgive me, if I say
No lessons now are taught the Spartan way,
Tho' in his pictures Lust be full display'd,
Few are the Converts Aretine has made : 95
And tho' the Court show Vice exceeding clear,
None should, by my advice, learn Virtue there.

At this entranc'd, he lifts his hands and eyes,
Squeaks like a high-stretch'd lutestring, and replies,
“ Oh 'tis the sweetest of all earthly things 100
“ To gaze on Princes, and to talk of Kings !
Then, happy Man who shows the Tombs ! said I,
He dwells amidst the royal Family ;
He ev'ry day from King to King can walk,
Of all our Harries, all our Edwards talk, 105

Your ears shall hear nought but Kings ; your eyes
meet

Kings only : the way to it is Kings-street.

He smack'd, and cry'd, He's base, mechanique,
coarse,

So are all your Englishmen in their discourse,

Are not your Frenchmen neat ? Mine, as you see,

I have but one, Sir, look, he follows me.

Certes they are neatly cloth'd. I of this mind am,
Your only wearing is your Grogaram.

Not so, Sir, I have more. Under this pitch

He would not fly ; I chaf'd him : but as Itch

Scratch'd into smart, and as blunt Iron ground

Into an edge, hurts worse : So, I (fool) found,

Crossing hurt me. To fit my fullenness,

He to another key his style doth dress ;

And asks what news ; I tell him of new playes,

He takes my hand, and as a Still which staves

A Sembrief, 'twixt each drop, he niggardly,

As loth to enrich me, so tells many a ly.

More than ten Hollenheads, or Halls, or Stows,

Of trivial household trash : He knows, he knows

And get by speaking truth of monarchs dead,
What few can of the living, Ease and Bread.
“ Lord, Sir, a meer Mechanic ; strangely low,
“ And coarse of phrase,—your English all are so.
“ How elegant your Frenchmen ?” Mine, d’ye mean ?
I have but one, I hope the fellow’s clean. 111
“ Oh ! Sir, politely so ! nay, let me die,
“ Your only wearing is your Padua-foy.”
Not, Sir, my only, I have better still,
And this you see is but my dishabille— 115
Wild to get loose, his patience I provoke,
Mistake, confound, object at all he spoke.
But as coarse iron, sharpen’d, mangles more,
And itch most hurts when anger’d to a fore ;
So when you plague a fool, ’tis still the curse, 120
You only make the matter worse and worse.

He past it o’er ; affects an easy smile
At all my peevishness, and turns his style.
He asks, “ What News ? I tell him of new Plays,
New Eunuchs, Harlequins, and Operas. 125
He hears, and as a Still with simples in it
Between each drop it gives, stays half a minute,
Loth to enrich me with too quick replies,
By little, and by little, drops his lies.
Meer household trash ! of birth-nights, balls, and
shows,
More than ten Hollinheads, or Halls, or Stows.

When the *Queen* frown'd or smil'd, and he knows
what

A subtle Statesman may gather of that ;

He knows who loves whom ; and who by poison

Hasts to an offices reversion ;

Who wastes in meat, in clothes, in horse, he notes,

Who loveth whores

He knows who hath sold his land, and now doth beg

A licence, old iron, boots, shoes, and egge-

Shells to transport ;

shortly boys shall not play

At span-counter, or blow point, but shall pay

Toll to some Courtier ; and wiser than all us,

He knows what Lady is not painted. Thus

He with home meats cloyes me. I belch, spue, spit,

Look pale and sickly, like a Patient, yet

He thrusts on more, and as he had undertook,

To say Gallo-Belgicus without book,

VER. 151. *What Lady's face, etc.*] The Original is here
very humorous. This torrent of scandal concludes thus,

And wiser than all thus,

He knows what Lady

the reader expects it will conclude, -- *what Lady is painted.*

No, just the contrary,

what Lady is not painted,

fatirically insinuating, that that is a better Proof of the good-
ness of his intelligence than the other. The Reader sees
there is greater force in the use of these plain words, than in

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When the *Queen* frown'd, or smil'd, he knows; and
what

A subtle Minister may make of that :

Who sins with whom : who got his Pension rug,

Or quicken'd a Reversion by a drug : 135

Whose place is quarter'd out, three parts in four,

And whether to a Bishop, or a Whore :

Who having lost his credit, pawn'd his rent,

Is therefore fit to have a Government :

Who in the secret, deals in Stocks secure, 140

And cheats th'unknowing Widow and the Poor :

Who makes a Trust of Charity a Job,

And gets an Act of Parliament to rob :

Why Turnpikes rise, and now no Cit nor Clown

Can gratis see the country, or the town : 145

Shortly no lad shall chuck, or lady vole,

But some excising Courtier will have toll.

He tells what strumpet places sells for life,

What 'Squire his lands, what citizen his wife :

At last (which proves him wiser still than all) 150

What Lady's face is not a whited wall.

As one of Woodward's patients, sick, and sore,

I puke, I nauseate,—yet he thrusts in more :

those which the Imitator employs. And the reason is, because the satire does not turn upon the *odiousness* of painting; in which case the terms of a *pointed* *snail* had given force to the expression; but upon the *frequency* of it, which required only the simple name.

Speaks of all States and deeds that have been since
The Spaniards came to th' loss of Amyens.

Like a big wife, at sight of loathed meat,
Ready to travail : so I sigh, and sweat.

To hear this Makaron talk : in vain, for yet,

Either my humour, or his own to fit.

He like a priviledg'd spie, whom nothing can

Discredit, libels now 'gainst each great man.

He names the price of ev'ry office paid ;

He saith our wars thrive ill because delaid ;

That Offices are intail'd, and that there are

Perpetuities of them, lasting as far

As the last day ; and that great Officers

Do with the Spaniards share, and Dunkirkers.

I more amaz'd than Circes prisoners, when

They felt themselves turn beasts, felt myself then

Becoming Traytor, and methought I saw

One of our Giant Statutes ope his jaw

To suck me in for hearing him : I found

That as burnt venomous Leachers do grow found

By giving others their sores, I might grow

Guilty, and he free : Therefore I did show

VER. 167. *fall endlong*] The sudden effect of the transformation is strongly and finely painted to the imagination, not in the sound, but in the sense of these two words.

Sat. IV. VERSIFIED. 207

Trims Europe's balance, tops the statesman's part,
 And talks Gazettes and Post-boys o'er by heart. 155
 Like a big wife at sight of loathsome meat
 Ready to cast, I yawn, I sigh, and sweat.
 Then as a licens'd spy, whom nothing can
 Silence or hurt, he libels the great Man ;
 Swears ev'ry place entail'd for years to come, 160
 In sure succession to the day of doom:
 He names the price for ev'ry office paid,
 And says our wars thrive ill, because delay'd :
 Nay hints, 'tis by connivance of the Court,
 That Spain robs on, and Dunkirk's still a Port. 165
 Not more amazement seiz'd on Circe's guests,
 To see themselves fall endlong into beasts,
 Than mine, to find a subject stay'd and wise
 Already half turn'd traytor by surprize.
 I felt th' infection slide from him to me, 170
 As in the pox, some give it to get free ;
 And quick to swallow me, methought I saw
 One of our Giant Statutes ope its jaw.

In that nice Moment, as another Lye
 Stood just a-filt, the Minister came by. 175
 To him he flies, and bows, and bows again,
 Then, close as Umbra, joins the dirty train.

All signs of loathing : but since I am in,
 I must pay mine, and my forefathers sin
 To the last farthing. Therefore to my power
 Toughly and stubbornly I bear ; but th' hower
 Of mercy now was come : he tries to bring
 Me to pay a fine to scape a torturing,
 And says, Sir, can you spare me—? I said, Willingly ;
 Nay, Sir, can you spare me a crown ? Thankfully I
 Gave it, as ransom ; but as fidlers, still,
 Though they be paid to be gone, yet needs will
 Thrust one more jigg upon you : so did he
 With his long complimentary thanks vex me.
 But he is gone, thanks to his needy want,
 And the Prerogative of my Crown, scant
 His thanks were ended, when I (which did see
 All the Court fill'd with more strange things than he)
 Ran from thence with such, or more hast than one
 Who fears more actions, doth hast from prison,
 At home in wholesome solitariness
 My piteous soul began the wretchedness
 Of suiters at court to mourn, and a glance
 Like his, who dreamt he saw hell, did advance
 It self o'er me : such men as he saw there
 I saw at court, and worse and more. Low fear

VER. 184. *Bear me,*] These four lines are wonderfully
 sublime. His impatience in this region of *vies*, is like that
 of Virgil, in the region of *beat*. They both call out as if
 they were half stifled by the sulphury air of the place,

Not Fannius' self more impudently near,
 When half his nose is in his Prince's ear.
 I quak'd at heart; and still afraid, to see 180

All the Court fill'd with stranger things than he,
 Ran out as fast, as one that pays his bail,
 And dreads more actions, hurries from a jail.

Bear me, some God! oh quickly bear me hence
 To wholesome Solitude, the nurse of sense: 185

Where Contemplation prunes her ruffled wings,
 And the free soul looks down to pity Kings!
 There sober thought pursu'd th' amusing theme,
 Till Fancy colour'd it, and form'd a Dream.

A Vision hermits can to Hell transport, 190
 And forc'd ev'n me to see the dama'd at Court.

Not Dante dreaming all th' infernal state,
 Beheld such scenes of envy, sin, and hate.

Base Fear becomes the guilty, not the free;
 Suits Tyrants, Plunderers, but suits not me: 195

O qui me gelidis---

O quickly bear me hence.

VER. 183. *There sober thought*] These two lines are remarkable for the delicacy and propriety of the expression.

VER. 194. *Base Fear.*] These four admirable lines become the high office he had assumed, and so nobly sustained.

Becomes the guilty, not th' accuser : Then,
 Shall I, none's slave, of high-born or rais'd men
 Fear frowns ; and my mistress Truth, betray thee
 For th' huffing, bragart, puffed nobility ?
 No, no, thou which since yesterday hast been,
 Almost about the whole world, hast thou seen,
 O sun in all thy journey, vanity,
 Such as swells the bladder of our court ? I
 Think he which made your ^b Waxen garden, and
 Transported it from Italy, to stand
 With us at London, flouts our Courtiers ; for
 Just such gay painted things, which no sap, nor
 Taste have in them, ours are ; and natural
 Some of the stocks ^c are ; their fruits bastard all.
 'Tis ten a Clock and past ; all whom the mues,
 Baloun, or tennis, diet, or the stews
 Had all the morning held, now the second
 Time made ready, that day, in flocks are found
 In the *Presence*, and I (God pardon me)
 As fresh and sweet their Apparels be, as be

^b A show of the Italian Garden in Waxwork, in the time of King James the First.

^c That is, of wood.

VER. 206. *Court in wax !* A famous show of the Court of France, in Wax-work.

VER. 213. *At Fig's, at White's,*] White's was a noted gaming-house : Fig's, a Prize-fighter's Academy, where the

Shall I, the Terror of this sinful town,
 Care, if a liv'ry'd Lord or smile or frown?
 Who cannot flatter, and detest who can;
 Tremble before a noble Serving-man?
 O my fair mistress, Truth! shall I quit thee 200
 For huffing, braggart, puffed Nobility?
 Thou, who since yesterday hast roll'd o'er all
 The busy, idle blockheads of the ball,
 Hast thou, oh Sun! beheld an emptier fort,
 Than such as swell this bladder of a court? 205
 Now pox on those who shew a *Court in wax*!

It ought to bring all courtiers on their backs:
 Such painted puppets! such a varnish'd race
 Of hollow gew-gaws, only dress and face!
 Such waxen noses, stately staring things— 210
 No wonder some folks bow, and think them Kings.

See! where the British youth, engag'd no more,
 At Fig's, at White's, with felons, or a whole,
 Pay their last duty to the Court, and come
 All fresh and fragrant, to the drawing-room; 215
 In hues as gay, and odours as divine,
 As the fair fields they sold to look so fine.

young Nobility received instruction in those days: It was
 also customary for the nobility and gentry to visit the con-
 demned criminals in Newgate.

Their fields they sold to buy them. For a king
 Those hose are, cry the flatterers : and bring
 Them next week to the theatre to sell.
 Wants reach all states : me seems they do as well
 At stage, as courts ; all are players. Whoe'er looks
 (For themselves dare not go) o'er Cheap-side books,
 Shall find their wardrobes inventory. Now
 The Ladies come. As pirates (which do know
 That there came weak ships fraught with Cutchanel)
 The men board them ; and praise (as they think)
 well,

Their beauties ; they the mens wits ; both are bought.
 Why goods wits ne'er wear scarlet gowns, I thought
 This cause, These men, mens wits for speeches buy,
 And women buy all red which scarlets dye.
 He call'd her beauty lime-twigs, her hair net :
 She fears her drugs ill lay'd, her hair loose set ^d.
 Wouldn't Heraclitus laugh to see Macrine
 From hat to shoe, himself at door refine,
 As if the Presence were a Mosque : and lift
 His skirts and hose, and call his clothes to shrift,
 Making them confess not only mortal
 Great stains and holes in them, but venial

^d i. e. Conscious that both her complexion and her hair
 are borrow'd, she suspects that, when, in the common cant
 of flatterers, he calls her *beauty lime-twigs*, and her *hair a net*

“ That’s velvet for a King !” the flatt’rer swears ;
 ’Tis true, for ten days hence ’twill be King Lear’s.
 Our Court may justly to our stage give rules, 220
 That helps it both to fools-coats and to fools.
 And why not players strut in courtiers cloaths ?
 For these are actors too, as well as those :
 Wants reach all states ; they beg but better dress,
 And all is splendid poverty at best. 225

Painted for sight, and essenc’d for the smell,
 Like frigates fraught with spice and cochine’l,
 Sail in the Ladies : how each pyrate eyes
 So weak a vessel, and so rich a prize !
 Top-gallant he, and she in all her trim, 230
 He boarding her, she striking sail to him :
 “ Dear Countess ! you have charms all hearts to hit !”
 And “ Sweet Sir Fopling ! you have so much wit !”
 Such wits and beauties are not prais’d for nought,
 For both the beauty and the wit are bought. 235
 ’Twould burst ev’n Heraclitus with the spleen,
 To see those anticks, Foplin and Courtin :
 The Presence seems, with things so richly odd,
 The mosque of Mahound, or some queer Pa god,
 See them survey their limbs by Durer’s rules, 240
 Of all beau-kind the best proportion’d fools !

to catch lovers, he means to insinuate that her colours are
 coarsely laid on, and her borrowed hair loosely woven.

VER. 240. *Durer’s rules.*] Albert Durer.

Feathers and dust, wherewith they fornicate :
 And then by Durer's rules survey the state
 Of his each limb, and with strings the odds tries
 Of his neck to his leg, and waste to thighs.
 So in immaculate clothes, and Symmetry
 Perfect as Circles, with such nicety
 As a young Preacher at his first time goes
 To preach, he enters, and a lady which owes
 Him not so much as good will, he arrests,
 And unto her protests, protests, protests,
 So much as at Rome would serve to have thrown
 Ten Cardinals into the *Inquisition* ;
 And whispers by *Jesu* so oft, that a
 Pursuevant would have ravish'd him away
 For saying our Lady's Pfalter. But 'tis fit
 That they each other plague, they merit it.
 But here comes Glorious that will plague them both,
 Who in the other extreme only doth
 Call a rough carelessness, good fashion :
 Whose cloak his spurs tear, or whom he spits on,
 He cares not, he. His ill words do no harm
 To him ; he rushes in, as if Arm, arm,
 He meant to cry ; and though his face be as ill
 As theirs which in old hangings whip Christ, still

Adjust their cloaths, and to confession draw
 Those venials sins, an atom, or a straw;
 But oh ! what terrors must distract the soul
 Convicted of that mortal crime, a hole ; 245
 Or should one pound of powder less bespread
 Those monkey tails that wag behind their head.
 Thus finish'd, and corrected to a hair,
 They march, to prate their hour before the Fair.
 So first to preach a white-glov'd Chaplain goes, 250
 With band of Lily, and with cheek of Rose,
 Sweeter than Sharon, in immac'late trim,
 Neatless itself impertinent in him.
 Let but the Ladies smile, and they are blest :
 Prodigious ! how the things *protest, protest* :
 Peace, fools, or Gonson will for Papists seize you,
 If once he catch you at your *Jesu ! Jesu !*

Nature made ev'ry Fop to plague his brother,
 Just as one Beauty mortifies another. 259
 But here's the Captain that will plague them both,
 Whose air cries Arm ! whose very look's an oath :
 The Captain's honest, Sirs, and that's enough,
 Tho' his soul's bullet, and his body buff.
 He spits fore-right ; his haughty chest before,
 Like batt'ring rams, beats open ev'ry door : 265
 And with a face as red, and as awry,
 As Herod's hang-dogs in old Tapestry,
 Scarecrow to boys, the breeding woman's curse,
 Has yet a strange ambition to look worse ;

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He strives to look worse; he keeps all in awe;
 Jest like a licens'd fool, commands like law.

Tir'd, now I leave this place, and but pleas'd so
 As men from goals to execution go,
 Go, through the great chamber (why it is hung
 With the seven deadly sins ?) being among
 Those *Askaparts*^b, men big enough to throw
Charing-Cross for a bar, men that do know
 No token of worth, but Queens man, and fine
 Living; barrels of beef, flaggons of wine.
 I shook like a spied Spie—Preachers which are
 Seats of Wit and Arts, you can, then dare,
 Drown the sins of this place, but as for me
 Which am but a scant brook, enough shall be
 To wash the stains away: Although I yet
 (With *Maccabees* modesty) the known merit
 Of my work lessen, yet some wise men shall,
 I hope, esteem my Writs Canonical.

^b A Giant famous in Romances.

Confounds the civil, keeps the rude in awe,
 Jest's like a licens'd fool, commands the law.

270

Frighted, I quit the room, but leave it so
 As men from Jayls to execution go ;

For hung with deadly fins I see the wall,

And lin'd with Giants deadlier than 'em all :

: 75

Each man an *Askapart*, of Strength to tofs

For quoits, both Temple-bar and Charing-crofs.

Scar'd at the grizly forms, I sweat, I fly,

And shake all o'er like a discover'd spy.

279

Courts are too much for wits so weak as mine :

Charge them with Heaven's Artill'ry, bold Divine !

From such alone the Great rebukes endure,

Whose Satire's sacred, and whose rage secure :

'Tis mine to wash a few light stains, but theirs

To deluge sin, and drown a Court in tears.

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Howe'er what's now *Apoc'ypsa*, my Wit,

In time to come, may pass for holy writ.

VER. 274. *For hung with deadly fins*] The Room hung with
 old Tapestry, representing the seven deadly sins.

surrounded the civil, keeps the side in awe,
 As men from jail to execution go,
 For hand with deadly and I see the wall,
 And hand with Count's headless man in all:
 Each man an enemy, of strength to use
 For quon, their temple-door and Chamber-crow,
 Ready at the first alarm, I swear, I fly
 And shake all over like a discover'd spy.
 Counts are too much for with to work as mine:
 Charge them with Count's spirit, hold Divine,
 From back alone the Count's rebuke, and mine,
 Whole Count's faced, and whole into form:
 'Tis mine to wait a few light fairs, but faints
 To change her, and down a Count in mine.
 However, what's new, for good, my wife,
 In time to come, may pass for best with.

Ver. 244. for long with slowly for) The Room hung with
 in Tapestry representing the lovely Countess's image.

EPILOGUE
TO THE
SATIRES,
In Two Dialogues.

Written in MDCCLXXXVIII.

EPITLOGUE

TO THE

SARRES



IN TWO VOLUMES.

Written in MDCCLXXXIII.





O Sacred Weapon left for Truths Defence
 Sole Dread of Folly Vice and Insolence
 To all but Heaven directed Hands denied
 The Muse may give thee but the Gods must guide
 Ep. 2 to the Saviour

EPILOGUE TO THE SATIRES.

Written in MDCCXXXVIII.

DIALOGUE I.

FR. **N**OT twice a twelve-month you appear
in Print,

And when it comes, the Court see nothing in't,
You grow correct, that once with Rapture writ,
And are, besides, too *moral* for a Wit.

VARIATIONS.

After ver. 2. in the MS.

You don't, I hope, pretend to quit the trade,

Because you think your reputation made:

Like good ** of whom so much was said,

That when his name was up, he lay a-bed.

Come, come, refresh us with a livelier song,

Or like ** you'll lie a-bed too long.

VER. 1. *Not quite a twelve-month; etc.*] These two lines
are from Horace; and the only lines that are so in the
whole Poem; being meant to give a handle to that which
follows in the character of an impertinent Censurer,

'Tis all from Horace; etc. P.

Decay of Parts, alas ! we all must feel— 5
 Why now, this moment, don't I see you steal?
 'Tis all from Horace ; Horace long before ye
 Said, " Tories call'd him Whig, and Whigs a Tory ;"
 And taught his Romans, in much better metre,
 " To laugh at Fools who put their trust in Peter."

But Horace, Sir, was delicate, was nice ; 11
 Bubo observes, he lash'd no sort of *Vice* :
 Horace would say, Sir Billy *serv'd the Crown*,
 Blunt could *do Bus'ness*, H-ggins *knew the Town* ;
 In Sappho touch the *Failings of the Sex*, 15
 In rev'rend Bishops note some *small Neglects*,
 And own, the Spaniard did a *waggish thing*,
 Who cropt our Ears, and sent them to the King.
 His sly, polite, insinuating style
 Could please at Court, and make AUGUSTUS smile :

VARIATIONS.

P. Sir, what I write, should be correctly writ.

E. Correct ! 'tis what no genius can admit.

Besides, you grow too moral for a Wit.

VER. 12. *Bubo observes*,] Some guilty person very fond of making such an observation:

VER. 14. *H-ggins*] Formerly Jaylor of the Fleet prison, enrich'd himself by many exactions, for which he was tried and expelled.

VER. 18. *Who cropt our Ears*,] Said to be executed by the Captain of a Spanish ship on one Jenkins, a Captain of an English one. He cut off his ears, and bid him carry them to the King his master.

An artful Manager, that crept between 21
His Friend and Shame, and was a kind of *Screen*.

But 'faith your very Friends will soon be fore :

Patriots there are, who wish you'd jest no more—
And where's the Glory! 'twill be only thought 25
The Great man never offer'd you a groat,

Go see Sir ROBERT——

P. See Sir ROBERT!—hum—

And never laugh—for all my life to come?

Seen him I have, but in his happier hour

Of Social Pleasure, ill-exchang'd for Pow'r; 30

Seen him, uncumber'd with the Venal tribe,

Smile without Art, and win without a Bribe.

Would he oblige me? let me only find,

He does not think me what he thinks mankind.

VER. 22. *Screen*.]

Omne vaser vitium ridenti Flaccus amico

Tangit, et admissus circum præcordia ludit Perf.

Ibid. *Screen*.] A metaphor peculiarly appropriated to a certain person in power.

VER. 24. *Patriots there are, etc.*] This appellation was generally given to those in opposition to the Court. Though some of them (which our author hints at) had views too mean and interested to deserve that name.

VER. 26. *The Great man*] A phrase, by common use, appropriated to the first minister.

VER. 31. *Seen him, uncumber'd*] These two verses were originally in the poem, though omitted in all the first editions.

VER. 34. *what he thinks mankind*.] This request seems somewhat absurd: but not more so than the principle it refers to. That great Minister, it seems, thought all mankind Rogues; and that every one had his price. It was usually given as a

Come, come, at all I laugh he laughs, no doubt ;
The only difference is, I dare laugh out. 36

F. Why yes : with *Scripture* still you may be free ;
A Horse-laugh, if you please, at *Honesty* ;
A Joke on Jekyl, or some odd *Old Whig*
Who never chang'd his Principle, or Wig : 40

A Patriot is a Fool in ev'ry age,
Whom all Lord Chamberlains allow the Stage :
These nothing hurts ; they keep their Fashion still,
And wear their strange old Virtue, as they will.

If any ask you, " Who's the Man, so near 45
" His Prince, that writes in Verse, and has his ear ? "

proof of his penetration, and extensive knowledge of the world. Others perhaps would think it an instance of a narrow understanding, that, from a few of Rochefoucault's *maxims*, and the corrupt practice of those he commonly conversed with, would thus boldly pronounce upon the character of his Species. It is certain, that a Keeper of Newgate, who should make the same conclusion, would be heartily laughed at.

VER. 37. *Why yes : with Scripture, etc.*] A scribler, whose only chance for reputation is the falling in with the fashion, is apt to employ this infamous expedient for the preservation of his fleeting existence. But a true Genius could not do a foolisher thing, or sooner defeat his own aim. The sage Boileau used to say on this occasion, " Une ouvrage severe peut bien plaire aux libertins ; mais un ouvrage trop libre plaira jamais aux personnes severes. "

VER. 39. *A Joke on Jekyl*] Sir Joseph Jekyl, Master of the Rolls, a true Whig in his principles, and a man of the utmost probity. He sometimes voted against the Court, which drew upon him the laugh here described of ONE who bestowed it equally upon Religion and Honesty. He died a few months after the publication of this poem.

Why, answer, *LYTTELTON*, and I'll engage
The worthy Youth shall ne'er be in a rage :
But were his Verses vile, his Whisper base,
You'd quickly find him in Lord *Fanny's* case, 50
Sejanus, *Wolsey*, hurt not honest *FLEURY*,
But well may put some Statesmen in a fury.

Laugh then at any, but at Fools or Foes ;
These you but anger, and you mend not those. 54
Laugh at your friends, and, if your Friends are sore,
So much the better, you may laugh the more,
To Vice and Folly to confine the jest,
Sets half the world, God knows, against the rest ;
Did not the Sneer of more impartial men
At Sense and Virtue, balance all agen. 60
Judicious Wits spread wide the Ridicule,
And charitably comfort Knave and Fool.

P. Dear Sir, forgive the Prejudice of Youth :
Adieu Distinction, Satire, Warmth, and Truth !

VER. 47. *Why, answer, Lyttelton.*] George Lyttelton, Secretary to the Prince of Wales, distinguished both for his writings and speeches in the Spirit of Liberty.

VER. 51. *Sejanus, Wolsey,*] The one the wicked minister of Tiberius : the other, of Henry VIII. The writers against the Court usually bestowed these and other odious names on the Minister, without distinction, and in the most injurious manner. See Dial. II. ver. 137.

Ibid. Fleury,] Cardinal : and Minister to Louis XV. It was a Patriot-fashion, at that time, to cry up his wisdom and honesty.

Come, harmless Characters that no one hit ; 65
 Come, Henley's Oratory, Osborn's Wit !
 The Honey dropping from Favonio's tongue,
 The Flow'rs of Bubo, and the Flow of Y—ng !
 The gracious Dew of Pulpit Eloquence,
 And all the well-whipt Cream of Courtly Sense 70
 That First was H—vy's, F—'s next, and then
 The S—te's, and then H—vy's once agen.
 O come, that easy Ciceronian style,
 So Latin, yet so English all the while,
 As, tho' the Pride of Middleton and Bland, 75
 All Boys may read, and Girls may understand !
 Then might I sing, without the least offence,
 And all I sung should be the *Nation's Sense* ;
 Or teach the melancholy Muse to mourn,
 Hang the sad Verse on CAROLINA's Urn, 80
 And hail her passage to the Realms of Rest,
 All Parts perform'd, and *all* her Children blest !

VER. 66. *Henley—Osborn.*] See them in their places in the *Dunciad*.

VER. 69. *The gracious Dew*] Alludes to some court sermons, and florid panegyric speeches : particularly one very full of puerilities and flatteries ; which afterwards got into an address in the same pretty style ; and was lastly served up in an Epitaph, between Latin and English, published by its author.

VER. 78. *Nation's Sense* ;] The cant of Politics at that time.

VER. 80. *Carolina.*] Queen consort to King George II. She died in 1737. Her death gave occasion, as is observed above, to many indiscreet and mean performances unworthy of her memory, whose last moments manifested the utmost courage and resolution.

So—Satire is no more—I feel it die—

No *Gazetteer* more innocent than I—

And let, a God's-name, ev'ry Fool and Knave 85

Be grac'd thro' Life, and flatter'd in his Grave.

F. Why so? if Satire knows its Time and Place,

You still may lash the greatest—in Disgrace:

For Merit will by turns forsake them all;

Would you know when? exactly when they fall. 90

But let all Satire in all Changes spare

Immortal S—k, and grave De—re!

Silent and soft, as Saints remove to Heav'n,

All Tyes dissolv'd, and ev'ry Sin forgiv'n,

These may some gentle ministerial Wing 95

Receive, and place for ever near a King!

There, where no Passion, Pride, or Shame transport,

Lull'd with the sweet *Nepenthe* of a Court;

VER. 92. *Immortal S—k, and grave De—re!*] A title given that Lord by King James II. He was of the Bedchamber to King William; he was so to King George I. he was so to King George II. This Lord was very skilful in all the forms of the House, in which he discharged himself with great gravity.

VER. 97. *There, where no Passion, etc.*] The excellent writer *De l'Esprit des Loix* gives the following character of the Spirit of Courts, and the Principle of Monarchies: "Qu'on life ce que les Historiens de tous les tems ont dit sur la Cour des Monarques; qu'on se rapelle les conversations des hommes de tous les Païs sur le miserable caractère des COURTISANS; ce ne sont point des choses de spéculation, mais d'une triste expérience. L'ambition dans l'oïveté, la bassesse dans l'orgueil, le desir de s'enrichir sans travail, l'aversion pour la verité; la flaterie, la trahison, la perfidie, l'abandon de tous ses engagements, le mepris des devoirs du

There, where no Father's, Brother's, Friend's disgrace
 Once break their rest, or stir them from their Place:
 But past the Sense of human Miseries, 101
 All Tears are wip'd for ever from all eyes;
 No cheek is known to blush, no heart to throb,
 Save when they lose a Question, or a Job.

P. Good Heav'n forbid, that I should blast their
 glory, 105

Who know how like Whig Ministers to Tory,
 And when three Sov'reigns dy'd, could scarce be vex't,
 Consid'ring what a *gracious Prince* was next.
 Have I in silent wonder, seen such things
 As Pride in Slaves, and Avarice in Kings; 110
 And at a Peer, or Peerefs, shall I fret,
 Who starves a Sister, or forswears a Debt?

VARIATIONS.

Ver. 112. in some editions,

Who starves a Mother,

"Citoyen, la crainte de la vertu du Prince, l'esperance de ses
 "foibleffes, et plus, que tout cela, LE RIDICULE PERPETUEL
 "JETTE SUR LA VERTU, sont, je crois, le Caractère de la
 "plupart des Courtisans marqué dans tous les lieux et dans
 "tous les tems. Or il est très mal-aisé que les Principaux
 "d'un Etat soient malhonnêtes-gens, & que les inferieurs
 "soient gens-de-bien, que ceux-la foyent trompeurs, & que
 "ceux-ci consentent à n'être que dupes. Que si dans le
 "Peuple il se trouve quelque malheureux honnête-homme, le
 "Cardinal de Richelieu dans son *Testament politique* insinue,
 "qu'un Monarque doit se garder de s'en servir. Tant-il est
 "vrai que la Vertu n'est pas le ressort de ce Gouvernement."

VER. 103. *gracious Prince*] The style of Addresses on an
 accession.

Virtue, I grant you, is an empty boast ;
 But shall the Dignity of *Vice* be lost ?
 Ye Gods ! shall Cibber's Son, without rebuke, 115
 Swear like a Lord, or Rich out-whore a Duke ?
 A Fav'rite's Porter with his Master vie,
 Be brib'd as often, and as often lie ?
 Shall Ward draw Contracts with a Statesman's skill ?
 Or Japhet pocket, like his Grace, a Will ? 120
 Is it for Bond, or Peter, (paltry things)
 To pay their Debts, or keep their Faith, like Kings ?
 If Blount dispatch'd himself, he play'd the man,
 And so may'st thou, illustrious Passeran !
 But shall a Printer, weary of his life, 125
 Learn, from their Books, to hang himself and Wife ?

VER. 113. *Virtue, I grant you, is an empty boast ;*] A satirical ambiguity--either that those *starve who have it*, or that those who *boast of it, have it not* : and both together (he insinuates) make up the present state of *modern virtue*.

VER. 115. *Cibber's Son, — Rich*] Two players : look for them in the Dunciad.

VER. 123. *If Blount.*] Author of an impious and foolish book called *the Oracles of Reason*, who being in love with a near kinswoman of his, and rejected, gave himself a stab in the arm, as pretending to kill himself, of the consequence of which he really died.

VER. 124. *Passeran !*] Author of another book of the same stamp, called, *A philosophical discourse on death*, being a defence of suicide. He was a nobleman of Piedmont, banished from his country for his impieties, and lived in the utmost misery, yet feared to practise his own precepts.---This unhappy man at last died a penitent.

VER. 125. *But shall a Printer, etc.*] A Fact that happened in London a few years past. The unhappy man left behind him

This, this, my friend, I cannot, must not bear ;
 Vice thus abus'd, demands a Nation's care :
 This calls the Church to deprecate our Sin,
 And hurls the Thunder of the Laws on *Gin.* 130.

Let modest FOSTER, if he will, excell
 Ten Metropolitans in preaching well ;
 A simple Quaker, or a Quaker's Wife,
 Out-do Landaffe in Doctrine,—yea in Life :
 Let humble ALLEN, with an aukward Shame, 135
 Do good by stealth, and blush to find it Fame.

a paper justifying his action by the reasonings of some of these authors.

VER. 129. *This calls the Church to deprecate our Sin,*] Alluding to the forms of prayer, composed in the times of public calamity ; where the fault is generally laid upon the People.

VER. 130. *Gin.*] A spirituous liquor, the exorbitant use of which had almost destroyed the lowest rank of the People till it was restrained by an act of Parliament in 1736.

VER. 134. *Landaffe.*] A poor Bishoprick in Wales, as poorly supplied.

VER. 135. *Let humble ALLEN with an aukward Shame,—Do good by stealth, and blush to find it Fame.*] We are so absolutely governed by custom, that to act contrary to it, creates even in virtuous men, who are ever modest, a kind of diffidence, which is the parent of *Shame*. But when, to this, there is joined a consciousness that, in forsaking custom, you follow truth and reason, the indignation arising from such a conscious virtue, mixing with *Shame*, produces that amiable *aukwardness*, in going out of the fashion, which the Poet, here, celebrates :
 and blush to find it Fame,

i. e. He blushed at the degeneracy of his times, which, at best, gave his goodness its due commendation (the thing he never aimed at) instead of following and imitating his example,

Virtue may choose the high or low Degree,
 'Tis just alike to *Virtue*, and to me;
 Dwell in a Monk, or light upon a King,
 She's still the same, belov'd, contented thing, 140
Vice is undone, if she forgets her Birth,
 And stoops from Angels to the Dregs of Earth:
 But 'tis the *Fall* degrades her to a Whore;
 Let *Greatness* own her, and she's mean no more, 145
 Her Birth, her Beauty, Crowds and Courts confess,
 Chaste Matrons praise her, and grave Bishops bless;
 In golden Chains the willing World she draws,
 And hers the Gospel is, and hers the Laws,
 Mounts the Tribunal, lifts her scarlet head,
 And sees pale *Virtue* carted in her stead. 150
 Lo! at the wheels of her triumphal Car,
 Old England's Genius, rough with many a Scar,
 Dragg'd in the dust! his arms hang idly round,
 His Flag inverted trails along the ground!
 Our Youth, all liv'ry'd o'er with foreign Gold, 155
 Before her dance: behind her, crawl the Old!

which was the reason why some acts of it were not done by *stealth*, but more openly.

VER. 138. 'Tis just alike to *Virtue*, and to me;] He gives the reason for it, in the line that presently follows,

She's still the same, *belov'd, contented* thing.

So that the sense of the text is this, "It is all one to *Virtue* on
 "whom her influence falls, whether on high or low, because
 "it still produces the same effect, *their content*; and it is all one
 "to me, because it still produces the same effect, *my love*."

See thronging Millions to the Pagod run,
 And offer Country, Parent, Wife, or Son !
 Hear her black Trumpet thro' the Land proclaim,
 That NOT TO BE CORRUPTED IS THE SHAME. 160
 In Soldier, Churchman, Patriot, Man in Pow'r,
 'Tis Av'rice all, Ambition is no more !
 See, all our Nobles begging to be Slaves !
 See, all our Fools aspiring to be Knaves !
 The Wit of Cheats, the Courage of a Whore, 165
 Are what ten thousand envy and adore :
 All, all look up, with reverential Awe,
 At Crimes that 'scape, or triumph o'er the Law :
 While Truth, Worth, Wisdom, daily they decry —
 “ Nothing is Sacred now but Villainy.” 170
 Yet may this Verse (if such a Verse remain)
 Show, there was one who held it in disdain.

VER. 165. *The Wit of Cheats, the Courage of a Whore,--Are what ten thousand envy and adore :*] And no wonder, for the wit of Cheats being the evasion of Justice, and the Courage of a Whore the contempt for reputation ; these emancipate men from the two tyrannical restraints upon free spirits, fear of punishment, and dread of shame.

EPILOGUE

TO THE

SATIRES.

Written in MDCCXXXVIII.

DIALOGUE II.

FR.

'T IS all a Libel—Paxton (Sir) will say
P. Not yet, my Friend! to morrow 'faith
it may ;

And for that very cause I print to day.

How should I fret to mangle ev'ry line,

In rev'rence to the Sins of *Thirty nine* !

Vice with such Giant strides comes on amain,

Invention strives to be before in vain ;

Feign what I will, and paint it e'er so strong,

Some rising Genius fins up to my Song.

VER. 1. Paxton.] Late solicitor to the Treasury.

F. Yet none but you by name the guilty lash: 10
 Ev'n Guthry saves half Newgate by a Dash.
 Spare then the Person, and expose the Vice.

P. How, Sir! not damn the Sharper, but the Dice?
 Come on then, Satire! gen'ral, unconfin'd,
 Spread thy broad wing, and sounce on all the kind.
 Ye Statesmen, Priests, of one Religion all! 16

Ye Tradesmen, vile, in Army, Court, or Hall;
 Ye Rev'rend Atheists. F. Scandal! name them, Who?

P. Why that's the thing you bid me not to do.
 Who starv'd a Sister, who forswore a Debt, 20
 I never nam'd; the Town's enquiring yet.
 The pois'ning Dame—F. You mean—P. I don't.
 F. You do.

P. See, now I keep the Secret, and not you!
 The bribing Statesman—F. Hold, too high you go.

P. The brib'd Elector—F. There you stoop too
 low. 25

P. I fain would please you, if I knew with what;
 Tell me, which Knave is lawful Game, which not?

VER. 11. *Ev'n Guthry.*] The Ordinary of Newgate, who publishes the memoirs of the Malefactors, and is often prevailed upon to be so tender of their reputation, as to set down no more than the initials of their name.

VER. 13. *How, Sir! not damn the Sharper, but the Dice?*] The liveliness of the reply may excuse the bad reasoning; otherwise *the dice*, tho' they rhyme to *vice*, can never stand for it, which his argument requires they should do. For the *dice* are only the *instruments* of fraud; but the question is not, whether the *instrument*, but whether the *act* committed by it, should be exposed, instead of the person.

Must great Offenders, once escap'd the Crown,
 Like Royal Harts, be never more run down ?
 Admit your Law to spare the Knight requires, 30
 As Beasts of Nature may we hunt the Squires ?
 Suppose I censure—you know what I mean—
 To save a Bishop, may I name a Dean ?

F. A Dean, Sir ? no : his Fortune is not made,
 You hurt a man that's rising in the Trade. 35

P. If not the Tradesman who set up to day,
 Much less the 'Prentice who to morrow may.
 Down, down, proud Satire ! tho' a Realm be spoil'd,
 Arraign no mightier Thief than wretched *Wild* ;
 Or, if a Court or Country's made a job, 40
 Go drench a Pick-pocket, and join the Mob.

But, Sir, I beg you (for the Love of Vice !)
 The matter's weighty, pray consider twice ;
 Have you less pity for the needy Cheat,
 The poor and friendless Villain, than the Great ? 45

VER. 29. *Like Royal Hearts, etc.*] Alluding to the old Game-laws, when our Kings spent all the time they could spare from human slaughter, in Woods and Forests.

VER. 35. *You hurt a man that's rising in the Trade.*] For, as the reasonable *De la Bruyere* observes, " *Qui ne fait être un ERASME, doit penser à être Evêque.*"

VER. 39. *wretched Wild,*] Jonathan Wild, a famous Thief, and Thief-Impeacher, who was at last caught in his own train and hanged.

VER. 42. *for the love of Vice*] We must consider the Poet as here directing his discourse to a follower of the new system of Politics, That *private vice, are publick benefits.* SCRIBL.

Alas ! the small Discredit of a Bribe
 Scarce hurts the Lawyer, but undoes the Scribe.
 Then better sure it Charity becomes
 To tax Directors, who (thank God) have Plums ;
 Still better, Ministers ; or, if the thing 50
 May pinch ev'n there— why lay it on a King.

F. Stop ! stop !

P. Must Satire, then, nor rise nor fall ?
 Speak out, and bid me blame no Rogues at all.

F. Yes, Strike that *Wild*, I'll justify the blow.

P. Strike ? why the man was hang'd ten years ago :
 Who now that obsolete Example fears ? 56
 Ev'n Peter trembles only for his Ears.

F. What always Peter ? Peter thinks you mad,
 You make men desp'rate, if they once are bad :
 Else might he take to Virtue some years hence— 60

P. As S—k, if he lives, will love the PRINCE.

F. Strange spleen to S—k !

P. Do I wrong the Man ?

God knows, I praise a Courtier where I can.
 When I confess, there is who feels for Fame,
 And melts to Goodness, need I SCARB'ROW name ? 65

VER. 51. *why lay it on a King.*] He is serious in the foregoing subjects of satire ; but ironical here, and only alludes to the common practice of Ministers, in laying their own miscarriages on their masters.

VER. 57. *Ev'n Peter trembles only for his ears.*] Peter had, the year before this, narrowly escaped the Pillory for forgery : and got off with a severe rebuke only from the bench.

VER. 65. *Scarb'row*] Earl of, and Knight of the Garter,

Pleas'd let me own, in *Esber's* peaceful Grove
 (Where *Kent* and Nature vye for *PELHAM's* Love)
 The Scene, the Master, opening to my view,
 I sit and dream I see my *Craggs* anew!

Ev'n in a Bishop I can spy Desert; 70

Secker is decent, *Rundel* has a Heart,

Manners with Candour are to *Benson* giv'n,

To *Berkley*, ev'ry Virtue under Heav'n.

But does the Court a worthy Man remove?

That instant I declare, he has my Love; 75

I shun his Zenith, court his mild Decline;

Thus *SOMMERS* once, and *HALIFAX*, were mine.

whose personal attachments to the king appeared from his steady adherence to the royal interest, after his resignation of his great employment of Master of the Horse; and whose known honour and virtue made him esteemed by all parties.

VER. 66. *Esber's peaceful Grove,*] The house and gardens of *Esber* in *Surry*, belonging to the Honourable Mr. *Pelham*, Brother of the Duke of *Newcastle*. The author could not have given a more amiable idea of his Character than in comparing him to Mr. *Craggs*.

VER. 74. *But does the Court a worthy Man remove?*] The poet means remove him from his worth: not that he esteemed the being in or out a proof either of corruption, or virtue. "I had a glympse of a letter of yours lately (says he to Dr. Swift) by which I find you are, like the vulgar, apter to think well of people out of power, than of people in power. Perhaps 'tis a mistake; but, however, there is something in it generous." *Lett. xvii. Sept. 3, 1726.*

VER. 77. *Sommers*] John Lord *Sommers* died in 1716. He had been Lord Keeper in the reign of William III. who took from him the seals in 1700. The author had the honour of knowing him in 1706. A faithful, able, and incorrupt

Oft, in the clear, still Mirrour of Retreat,
I study'd SHREWSBURY, the wise and great:
CARLETON's calm Sense, and STANHOPE's noble
Flame,

Compar'd, and knew their gen'rous End the same:
How pleasing ATTERBURY's softer hour!
How shin'd the Soul, unconquer'd in the Tow'r!
How can I PULT'NEY, CHESTERFIELD forget,
While Roman Spirit charms, and Attic Wit:
ARGYLL, the State's whole Thunder born to wield,
And shake alike the Senate and the Field:
Or WYNDHAM, just to Freedom and the Throne,
The Master of our Passions, and his own.

minister; who, to the qualities of a consummate statesman, added those of a man of Learning and Politeness.

VER. 77. *Halifax*] A peer, no less distinguished by his love of letters than his abilities in Parliament. He was disgraced in 1710, on the change of Queen Anne's ministry.

VER. 79. *Shrewsbury*] Charles Talbot, Duke of Shrewsbury, had been Secretary of State, Ambassador in France, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Chamberlain, and Lord Treasurer. He several times quitted his employments, and was often recalled. He died in 1718.

VER. 80. *Carleton*.] Hen. Boyle, Lord Carleton (nephew of the famous Robert Boyle) who was Secretary of state under William III. and President of the council under Q. Anne.

Ibid. Stanhope] James Earl Stanhope. A Nobleman of equal courage, spirit, and learning. General in Spain, and Secretary of state.

VER. 88. *Wyndham*] Sir William Wyndham, Chancellor of the Exchequer under Queen Anne, made early a considerable figure; but since a much greater both by his ability and eloquence, joined with the utmost judgment and temper.

Dial. II. TO THE SATIRES.

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Names, which I long have lov'd, nor lov'd in vain,
Rank'd with their Friends, not number'd with their

Train ;

91

And if yet higher the proud List should end,
Still let me say ! No Follower, but a Friend.

Yet think not, Friendship only prompts my lays ;

I follow *Virtue* ; where she shines, I praise :

95

Point she to Priest or Elder, Whig or Tory,

Or round a Quaker's Beaver, cast a Glory.

I never (to my sorrow I declare)

Din'd with the Man of Ross, or my LORD MAY'R.

Some, in their choice of Friends (nay, look not grave)

Have still a secret Byass to a Knave :

101

To find an honest man I beat about,

And love him, court him, praise him, in or out.

F. Then why so few commended ?

P. Not so fierce ;

Find you the *Virtue*, and I'll find the *Verse*.

105

But random Praise—the task can ne'er be done ;

Each Mother asks it for her booby Son,

Each Widow asks it for *the Best of Men*,

For him she weeps, and him she weds agen.

Praise cannot stoop, like Satire, to the ground ;

110

The Number may be hang'd, but not be crown'd.

Enough for half the Greatest of these days,

To 'scape my Censure, not expect my Praise,

Are they not rich ? what more can they pretend ?

Dare they to hope a Poet for their Friend ?

115

What RICHELIEU wanted, LOUIS scarce could gain,
 And what young AMMON wish'd, but wish'd in vain.
 No Pow'r the Muse's Friendship can command;
 No Pow'r, when Virtue claims it, can withstand:
 To *Cato*, *Virgil* pay'd one honest line; 120
 O let my Country's Friends illumin mine!

—What are you thinking? F. Faith the thought's no
 sin,

I think your Friends are out, and would be in.

P. If merely to come in, Sir, they go out,
 The way they take is strangely round about. 125

E. They too may be corrupted, you'll allow!

P. I only call those Knaves who are so now.

Is that too little? Come then, I'll comply—
 Spirit of *Arnall*! aid me while I lie.

COBHAM's a Coward, POLWARTH is a Slave, 130

And LYTTTELTON a dark, designing Knave,

ST. JOHN has ever been a wealthy Fool—

But let me add, Sir ROBERT's mighty dull,

Has never made a Friend in private life,

And was, besides, a Tyrant to his Wife. 135

But, pray, when others praise him, do I blame!

Call Verres, Wolsey, any odious name?

VER. 129. *Spirit of Arnall*!] Look for him in his place.
 Dunc. 'B. ii. ver. 315.

VER. 130. *Polwarth*.] The Hon. Hugh Hume, Son of Alexander Earl of Marchmont, Grandson of Patric Earl of Marchmont, and distinguished, like them, in the cause of Liberty.

Why rail they then, if but a Wreath of mine,
Oh All-accomplish'd ST. JOHN ! deck thy shrine ?

What ? shall each spurgall'd Hackney of the day,
When Paxton gives him double Pots and Pay, 141

Or each new-pension'd Sycophant, pretend
To break my Windows if I treat a Friend ?

Then wisely plead, to me they meant no hurt,
But 'twas my Guest at whom they threw the dirt ?

Sure, if I spare the Minister, no rules 145
Of Honour bind me, not to maul his Tools ;

Sure, if they cannot cut, it may be said

His Saws are toothless, and his Hatchet's Lead.

It anger'd TURENNE, once upon a day, 150

To see a Footman kick'd that took his pay :

But when he heard th' Affront the Fellow gave,

Knew one a Man of honour, one a Knave ;

The prudent Gen'ral turn'd it to a jest,

And begg'd, he'd take the pains to kick the rest : 155

Which not at present having time to do—

F. Hold Sir ! for God's-sake where's th' Affront to
you ?

Against your worship when had S—k writ ?

Or P—ge pour'd forth the Torrent of his Wit ?

Or grant the Bard whose distich all commend 160

[*In Pow'r a Servant, out of Pow'r a friend*]

VER. 160. *the Bard*] A verse taken out of a poem to Sir
R. W.

To W—le guilty of some venial sin;

What's that to you who ne'er was out nor in?

The Priest whose Flattery be-dropt the Crown,
How hurt he you! he only stain'd the Gown. 165

And how did, pray, the florid Youth offend,
Whose Speech you took, and gave it to a Friend?

P. Faith, it imports not much from whom it came;

Whoever borrow'd, could not be to blame,
Since the whole House did afterwards the same. }

Let Courtly Wits to Wits afford supply, 171

As Hog to Hog in huts of Westphaly;

If one, thro' Nature's Bounty or his Lord's,

Has what the frugal, dirty soil affords,

From him the next receives it, thick or thin, 175

As pure a mess almost as it came in;

The blessed benefit, not there confin'd,

Drops to the third, who nuzzles close behind;

From tail to mouth, they feed and they carouse:

The last full fairly gives it to the *House*. 180

F. This filthy simile, this beastly line
Quite turns my stomach—

P. So does Flatt'ry mine;
And all your courtly Civet-cats can vent,
Perfume to you, to me is Excrement.

VER. 164. *The Priest, etc.*] Spoken not of any particular priest, but of many priests.

VER. 166. *And how did, etc.*] This seems to allude to a complaint made ver. 7. of the preceding Dialogue.

But hear me further—Japhet, 'tis agreed, 185
 Writ not, and Chartres scarce could write or read,
 In all the Courts of Pindus guiltless quite ;
 But Pens can forge, my Friend, that cannot write;
 And must no Egg in Japhet's face be thrown,
 Because the Deed he forg'd was not my own ? 190
 Must never Patriot then declaim at Gin,
 Unless, good man ! he has been fairly in ?
 No zealous Pastor blame a failing Spouse,
 Without a staring Reason on his brows ?
 And each Blasphemer quite escape the rod, 195
 Because the insult's not on Man, but God ?

Ask you what Provocation I have had ?
 The strong Antipathy of Good to Bad.
 When Truth or Virtue an Affront endures,
 Th' Affront is mine, my friend, and should be yours.
 Mine, as a Foe profess'd to false Pretence, 201
 Who think a Coxcomb's Honour like his Sense ;
 Mine, as a Friend to ev'ry worthy mind ;
 And mine as Man, who feel for all mankind.

F. You're strangely proud,

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VER. 185. in the MS.

I grant it, Sir ; and further, 'tis agreed,
 Japhet writ not, and Chartres scarce could read.

VER. 185. *Japhet --- Chartres*] See the Epistle to Lord Bathurst.

VER. 204. *And mine as Man, who feel for all mankind.*] From Terence : " Homo sum : humani nihil a me alienum puto."

P. So proud, I am no Slave :
 So impudent, I own myself no knave : 206 }
 So odd, my Country's Ruin makes me grave.
 Yes, I am proud ; I must be proud to see
 Men not afraid of God, afraid of me :
 Safe from the Bar, the Pulpit, and the Throne,
 Yet touch'd and sham'd by Ridicule alone. 211

O sacred weapon ! left for Truth's defence,
 Sole Dread of Folly, Vice, and Insolence !
 To all but Heav'n-directed hands deny'd,
 The Muse may give thee, but the Gods must guide :
 Rev'rent I touch thee ! but with honest zeal ; 216
 To rouse the Watchmen of the public Weal,

VER. 208. *Yes, I am proud ; etc.*] In this ironical exultation the Poet insinuates a subject of the deepest humiliation.

VER. 211. *Yet touch'd and sham'd by Ridicule alone.*] The Passions are given us to awaken and support Virtue. But they frequently betray their trust, and go over to the interests of Vice. Ridicule, when employed in the cause of Virtue, shames and brings them back to their duty. Hence the use and importance of *Satire*.

VER. 14. *To all but Heav'n-directed hands*] " The Citizen
 " (says *Plato*, in his fifth book of *Laws*) who does no injury
 " to any one, without question, merits our esteem. He, who,
 " not content with being barely just himself, opposes the
 " course of injustice, by prosecuting it before the Magistrate,
 " merits our esteem vastly more. The *first* discharges the
 " duty of a single Citizen : but the *other* does the office of a
 " Body. But he whose zeal stops not here, but proceeds to
 " ASSIST THE MAGISTRATE IN PUNISHING is the most
 " valuable blessing of Society. This is the PERFECT
 " CITIZEN, to whom we should adjudge the prize of Virtue."

To Virtue's work provoke the tardy Hall,
 And goad the Prelate slumb'ring in his Stall.
 Ye tinsel Insects! whom a Court maintains, 220
 That counts your Beauties only by your Stains,
 Spin all your Cobwebs o'er the Eye of Day!
 The Muse's wing shall brush you all away:
 All his Grace preaches, all his Lordship sings, 224
 All that makes Saints of Queens, and Gods of Kings.
 All, all but Truth, drops dead-born from the Press,
 Like the last Gazette, or the last Address.

When black Ambition stains a public Cause,
 A Monarch's Sword when mad Vain-glory draws,
 Not Waller's Wreath can hide the Nation's Scar,
 Nor Boileau turn the Feather to a Star. 231

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After ver. 227. in the MS.

Where's now the Star that lighted Charles to rise?

---With that which follow'd Julius to the skies.

Angels, that watch'd the Royal Oak so well,

How chanc'd ye nod, when luckless Sorel fell?

Hence, lying miracles! reduc'd so low

As to the regal touch, and papal-toe;

Hence haughty Edgar's title to the Main,

Britain's to France, and thine to India, Spain?

VER. 222. *Cobwebs*] Weak and slight sophistry against virtue and honour. Thin colours over vice, as unable to hide the light of Truth, as cobwebs to shade the sun.

VER. 228. *When black Ambition, etc.*] The case of Cromwell in the civil war of England; and (ver. 229.) of Louis XIV. in his conquest of the Low Countries.

VER. 231. *Nor Boileau turn the Feather to a Star.*] See his Ode on Namur; where (to use his own words) "il a fait un
 "Astre de la Plume blanche que le Roy porte ordinairement

Not so, when diadem'd with rays divine,
Touch'd with the Flame that breaks from *Virtue's*
Shrine,

Her Priestess's Muse forbids the Good to die,
And opes the Temple of *Eternity*. 235

There, other Trophies deck the truly brave,
Than such as Anstis casts into the Grave ;
Far other Stars than * and * * wear,

And may descend to Mordington from STAIR :
(Such as on HOUOH's unsully'd Mitre shine, 240
Or beam, good DIGBY, from a heart like thine)

Let *Envy* howl, while Heav'n's whole Chorus sings,
And bark at Honour not confer'd by Kings ;

Let *Flatt'ry* sick'ning see the Incense rise,
Sweet to the World, and grateful to the Skies : 245

Truth guards the Poet, sanctifies the line,
And makes immortal, Verse as mean as mine.

“ à son Chapeau, et qui est en effet une espece de Comete,
“ fatale a nos ennemis.”

VER. 237. *Anstis*] The chief Herald at arms. It is the custom, at the funeral of great peers, to cast into the grave the broken staves and ensigns of honour.

VER. 239. *Stair* ;] John Dalrymple Earl of Stair, Knight of the Thistle ; served in all the wars under the Duke of Marlborough ; and afterwards as Ambassador in France.

VER. 240, 241. *Hough and Digby*] Dr. John Hough Bishop of Worcester, and the Lord Digby. The one an assertor of the Church of England in opposition to the false measures of King James II. The other as firmly attached to the cause of that King. Both acting out of principle, and equally men of honour and virtue.

Yes, the last Pen for Freedom let me draw,
 When Truth stands trembling on the edge of Law ;
 Here, Last of Britons ? let your Names be read ; 250
 Are none, none living ? let me praise the Dead,
 And for that Cause which made your Fathers shine,
 Fall by the Votes of their degen'rate Line.

Fr. Alas ! alas ! pray end what you began,
 And write next winter more *Essays on Man*. 255

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VER. 255. in the MS.

Quit, quit these themes, and write *Essays on Man*.

VER. *ult.*] This was the last poem of the kind printed by our author, with a resolution to publish no more ; but to enter thus, in the most plain and solemn manner he could, a sort of PROTEST against that insuperable corruption and depravity of manners, which he had been so unhappy as to live to see. Could he have hoped to have amended any, he had continued those attacks ; but bad men were grown so shameless and so powerful, that Ridicule was become as unsafe as it was ineffectual. The Poem raised him, as he knew it would, some enemies ; but he had reason to be satisfied with the approbation of good men, and the testimony of his own conscience.

Receiving from the Right Hon. the Lady

FRANCES SHIRLEY

A STANDISH and TWO PENS.

YES, I beheld th' Athenian Queen
Descend in all her sober charms ;

“ And take (she said, and smil'd serene)

“ Take at this hand celestial arms :

“ Secure the radiant weapons wield ;

“ This golden lance shall guard Desert,

“ And if a Vice dares keep the field,

“ This steel shall stab it to the heart.”

Aw'd on my bended knees I fell,

Receiv'd the weapons of the sky ;

And dipt them in the fable Well,

The fount of Fame or Infamy.

The Lady Frances Shirley] A Lady whose great Merit Mr.
Pope took a real pleasure to celebrate.

- " What *Well?* what *Weapon?* (Flavia cries)
" A standish, steel and golden pen !
" It came from Bertrand's, not the skies ;
" I gave it you to write again.
" But, Friend, take heed whom you attack ;
" You'll bring a house (I mean of Peers)
" Red, Blue, and Green, nay white and black,
" L—— and all about your ears.
" You'd write as smooth again on glass,
" And run, on ivory, so glib,
" As not to stick at fool or afs,
" Nor stop at Flattery or Fib.
" *Athenian Queen ! and sober charms !*
" I tell ye, fool, there's nothing in't :
" 'Tis Venus, Venus gives these arms ;
" In Dryden's Virgil see the print.
" Come, if you'll be a quiet soul,
" That dares tell neither Truth nor Lies,
" I'll lift you in the harmless roll
" Of those that sing of these poor eyes."

The End of the FOURTH VOLUME.

" What Writ? what Writ? (Flavia cries)
" A scandal, steel and golden pen!
" It came from Burton's; not the lies;
" I gave it you to write again.

" But Friend, take heed whom you attack;
" You'll bring a house (I mean of Peers)
" Red, Blue, and Green, nay white and black,
" I ——— and all about your ears.

" You'd write as smooth again on glass,
" And run, on ivory, to the
" As not to stick at fool or ass,
" Not stop at all."



" Arabian Nights? (Flavia cries)
" I tell you, to write
" 'Tis Venus, Venus, Venus these arms
" In Dyden's Vigil see the print."

" Come, if you'll be a quier soul,
" That darts tell neither Truth nor Lies,
" I'll lift you in the harness roll
" Of those that sing of these poor eyes."

The End of the Fourth Volume.